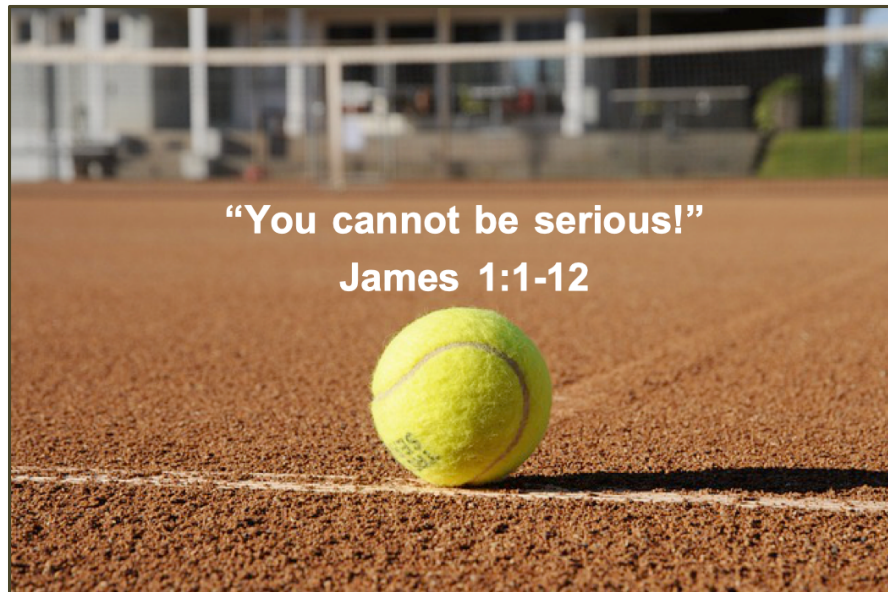


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Sunday 11th June 2023

Series: Faith in action

“You cannot be serious!”

James 1:1-11

Derek Robinson

TODAY’S WORSHIP SERVICE – This morning we welcome Simon back as his band leads worship. In this service, we will be starting our series from the Book of James which is an intensely practical book, filled with exhortations to Christians about the way we should live our lives now that we have been given new life in Jesus. It is filled with allusions to and quotations of the teachings of Jesus. But the other hand, James is also full of passages that have left Christians scratching their heads. One such passage is contained in v2 of our reading today when James tells us to ‘Consider it joy, my brothers, when you face trials of many kinds.’ So we begin today by looking at James 1:1-11 and the title of my talk is “You cannot be serious!”. Derek

Of course, we do hope you can join us for the service in the church but if you can’t actually join us, you will be able to access the service at any time by going to: <http://www.aldwickbaptist.co.uk/category/current-sermons>.

TODAY’S FLOWERS - The flowers this week have been donated by Ronnie in remembrance of late mum (June) for her birthday.

RE-ELECTION OF DEACONS - We are rapidly approaching our AGM on Thursday, July 27th which means it’s time to reappoint our ‘retiring deacons or elders’ as they are appointed for 3 years at a time. This year this applies to John Smith and Derek Robinson. If you wish them to continue, they will need nominating and seconding. The forms to do this are at the back of the church. Please try to do this within the next two weeks. There is also a vacancy for another deacon if there is someone else you would like to nominate. They must be a member of at least one year’s standing and be willing to stand. They can be nominated using the same forms.

PRAYER DAY - SATURDAY 24th JUNE - We are holding another prayer day in the youth room from 9.00 am till 6.00 pm. As before the idea is to “sign up” for an hour or so and cover the whole day. When we met last time people actually came throughout the day unannounced staying for less than an hour. Perhaps this verse may be of value, “ Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart” Col 4:2 NLT. Joy

PRAYER SUPPORT TEAM MEETING - There will a meeting for all of those involved in the prayer ministry after the morning service at 7 pm on Tuesday, June 13th. Please try to attend. Joy.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN MISSION? - We would like to establish a small team to support Barbara in her role as our mission lead. We would also like you to think about which charities we support. Currently, these are BMS, Baptist Home mission, MAF, SAT 7, the Bible Society and Barnabas Fund. Do you think it is time to any of these? If so, please contact Barbara.

PREACHING TEAM - Clive is preaching at Swanfield Chapel today. Please pray for power from the Holy Spirit and a positive response to his message.

THIS WEEK'S POEM

This week Arthur's poem reminds us that true love never dies and that one day we will all be together again.

Blessed Assurance

It is so sad
When it's time to say 'Goodbye'.
When thinking of all the years
Happy times, but sometimes tears.
But wipe away those tears from your eyes,
As love never dies.
We have the 'Blessed Assurance' of life to be,
Together again in eternity.
Because Jesus died for you and me,
And rose again to set us free.

Arthur Magee

BBC SONGS of PRAISE, led by Lucy Grimble is coming to Bognor Regis! – Why not come and join our modern hymn-singing at Saint Wilfrid Church, Ellasdale Road, Bognor, PO21 2SG from 5.45 pm to 9. 30 pm on Wednesday 14th June? To book your place go to SOPCongregations@afantimedia.tv or ring 07734030888

FOODBANK IN NEED – Foodbanks everywhere are seeing a huge increase in the number of people who need their support to survive. Our local Foodbank urgently need:

- Pasta sauce, UHT Milk, Squash/fruit juice
- Deodorant, Toilet roll, Shower gel

Just a reminder that we do have a donation point for Bognor Foodbank in the foyer and a team of helpers willing to transport your gifts to the centre.

TABLE TENNIS - As from the 13th June we will be having a summer break from Table Tennis. The good news is that we will be restarting again on the 12th September from 2 pm to 4pm. You will be most welcome to join us. John Bell.

FOODBANK ARE RECRUITING – Bognor Foodbank are looking for a committed Christian to apply for an exciting opportunity to lead our amazing team as we seek to tackle food poverty in our town. We are offering 30 hours per week at £14.50 per hour. The Application deadline is Sunday 18th June.

The job pack and application form can be found here -

<https://bognorregis.foodbank.org.uk/2023/05/25/we-are-hiring-project-manager-closing-date-18th-june-2023/>

AND FINALLY

SIMON IS BACK TODAY - Simon will be back in the office this week and will be trying to re-schedule any meetings that he has had to cancel over the past few weeks. Simon would like you to know that his mother's funeral will be on 21st June at 11.00 am. Please do continue to thank God for Dianne's life and for strength and peace of mind for the family.

BRAD - Just to say Brad's appointment with the Haematologist has been changed to Tuesday 20th when decisions will be made re future treatment. He is really struggling at the moment as he feeling so ill. Thank you for your prayer support and please do keep praying for us both. Glad.

PRAYER POINTERS – Please continue to pray for Brian Calvert, Pam Ryan, David Hanchard, Marion Bryant, Kay Tucker, Sandra Field, Jon Crane, Mary Bullock, Mavis Eede and Katrina Gould. Please also pray for Val Collett and Pam Brown. Pray too for others who are in need of prayer.

ACCOMMODATION NEEDED - We have received an important text message from Olga who is one of the Ukrainians who used to come to our church with that small group of friends.

"Hello, I have an important question for you, please tell me if there are people in your church who could be a sponsor for my mother and brother. They want to come to live in England during the war in Ukraine and we are looking for sponsors with whom they could live for the first time. Now it is common when Ukrainians come to England and live with the British during the war in Ukraine, as there is a state program "Houses for Ukrainians" and sponsors receive 500 pounds from the state as well. I'm waiting for your answer, thanks)))))" Olga.

It would be good if we could do something about this but we realise this is a big ask ... but you might know someone who can help. Let me know if you do. Derek

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