

## AND FINALLY

**LUCIENNE AND BERNARD'S WEDDING** - We were somewhat disappointed to learn that the online streaming didn't work for our wedding. Several people shared prayers and words of encouragement from the Lord. We have been able to remember and note 3-4 of the personal words of encouragement. If you prayed for us and/or gave a word of encouragement, and can remember roughly what it was. Please may we ask you to make a note and pass it on to us - email or paper is fine. In addition, if any of you took pictures, could also send us copies to us? We would be very grateful if this is possible.

Thank you all so much for making our wedding day a complete success. Especially for your kindness and efforts in providing everything necessary to make the service run smoothly, for the beautiful flower and for the refreshments afterwards, and for attending in person to celebrate with us. Also for the generous gifts we have received, thank you so much, we were quite 'taken aback' by our church family's love and generosity. Personal 'thank you's' are in process. With grateful thanks, Lucienne and Bernard"

**DIANNE DOWNING'S FUNERAL** – Dianne's funeral is on Wednesday at 11 am in Luton. Please pray for safe travel for Simon and the family as they travel up to Luton on Tuesday and for a safe return on Wednesday. Please continue to thank God for Dianne's life and pray for strength, courage and peace of mind for the family particularly on Wednesday which will be an emotional time for them all.

**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 is 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.

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# ABC NEWS



Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Series: The Unveiling

“The Unveiling: Disclosure”

John 1:1-18

Simon Downing

**TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE** – This morning John Smith and Brenda's band will be leading our worship service before Simon brings the message. In doing so, Simon we will be starting our series from the Gospel of John entitled, "the Unveiling." In chapter 20v31 of this Gospel, John says that he had written it, so that you 'may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God,' indeed, that you may have life 'in his name.' This is what this series will unveil and uncover. This is what we are going to see. We are going to dig deeply into God's Word that we might understand who the Christ, the Son of God really is, and what he has done, and what he can still do. Today's message is entitled, 'Disclosure'. This should be interesting, so don't miss it!

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>.

**NEXT SUNDAY** - Ben Leney from The King's Gate church will be bringing God's word to us as Simon takes the word to King's Gate in a 'pulpit exchange'. Do pray for both Ben and Simon as they prepare their messages.

**TODAY'S FLOWERS** - Today's flowers have been Ernie Payne in memory of dear wife, Sheila who died 4 years ago. They will be arranged by Ernie's daughter Helen.

**RE-ELECTION OF DEACONS** - We are rapidly approaching our AGM on Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup> 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

**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.

This week Arthur tells us that he can't believe where all the years have gone as he approaches his 84<sup>th</sup> birthday.

### The Road

It seems so long ago,  
I started on life's road.  
Sometimes like travelled light,  
Sometimes with a heavy load.  
When I think of all those loved ones  
Who meant the world to me.  
And it seems the sun was  
always shining in my memory.  
Sometimes the road led me  
To the valleys of despair.  
But at other times there was joy and love,  
well beyond compare.  
But no matter where I roam,  
I know one day this road will take me home.  
Home to that place  
away from sorrow and pain.  
Where we will never say goodbye again.  
Home to that place,  
away from space and time,  
where God's light will always shine.

Arthur Magee

**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, Ssquash/fruit juice, deodorant, toilet rolls and shower gel. Just a reminder that we do have a donation point in the foyer. Please give generously.

**IAN SURRELL** – Ian has been in hospital this week but is now back at home. Please pray for a time of rest and recuperation.

**JOHN CRANE** – John is very poorly with water on his lungs. Please pray for swift and urgent treatment and for healing.

**TABLE TENNIS** - As from the 13<sup>th</sup> June we will be having a summer break from Table Tennis until 12th September.