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**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

**Series: Faith in Action**

**Part III - The Implanted Word**

**James 1:19-27**

**Simon Downing**

**TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE** – This morning Simon's band will be leading worship before Simon brings our third message in our series, "Faith in Action", based on the book of James. Simon's talk is entitled, "The implanted word" based on James 1:19-27. In this talk, Simon will be advising us to take our time with God's Word as we need to read it as it is unlike any other book that has ever been written. Reading it should never be rushed but savoured as God has something to say to each one of us today. Can you see how important this message is? If so then don't miss out on something so significant.

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>.

**WORDS TO REMEMBER TODAY** – When Jesus was tempted by the devil to turn stones into bread, Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

**AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM SIMON** – There will a Sunday Club/School meeting on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July, at 7.00 p.m. in the church office, in order to think through how Sunday school might develop from September onwards. I am opening this meeting up *beyond* the regular Sunday club leaders and helpers, in the hope that we might be able to improve on the numbers of our supporters, for the future. You are all very welcome to attend as our children's ministry seems to be at a crossroads at the moment and we need to make sure we are all pulling in the same direction. Simon.

**HUNGRY – THEN HERE'S SOME GOOD NEWS - LUNCH CLUB IS ON** - There will be a Lunch Club this coming Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> as we do NOT have a break for August. Brenda.

**JOAN BRETT** - As most of you will know from last week's news sheet, Joan Brett recently died. There will be a service of thanksgiving for her life here on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August at 2.30 pm. You are all invited to join the family in this celebration. Joan's funeral will be taking place in Hampshire.

**BECKY SEAL** – Many of you will remember Becky as a member of our Girls' Brigade and as a worshipper here for many years. Mavis tells us that Becky has been diagnosed with bowel cancer, and had an operation on 8<sup>th</sup> June when a large tumour was removed and a stoma bag fitted. She is taking one day at a time and receiving Chemotherapy regularly. Please do pray for Becky's ongoing health and peace of mind. Derek

**CRAFT GROUP** - The Craft group will be having a break throughout August. Our final meeting will be on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July and we will return on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September. Tricia.

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## THIS WEEK'S POEM

This week Arthur reminds us that the world we live in with its obsession with “stuff” cannot bring you ultimate peace and happiness. That can only be found in a loving relationship with the Lord Jesus, when you can honestly say, “Jesus, you are my all”.

### You are my all

Lord how I realise more and more,  
How much you are to me.  
You are my all, you are my hope,  
You are my destiny.  
  
Nothing else really matters.  
All this world is only temporary.  
But the Lord is forever and ever,  
For all eternity.  
  
Some live on possessions and gain  
but in the end, it's all the same.  
Lord, you give me purpose every day.  
Only you are the life, the truth  
and the way

Arthur Magee

**NEWS FROM SAT 7** - “Christian churches were everywhere, and they were working silently,” says Melih Ekener, Executive Director of SAT-7 TÜRK. *“Even the Christians who had barely survived, even the ones who had lost their family... They had forgotten their own pain and were just focused on helping their neighbours. This was an amazing witness.”* Many viewers are still reaching out to SAT-7 for prayer and to the viewer support and counselling team months later.

**NEWS FROM BARNABAS FUND** - Meanwhile Barnabas Aid continues to help refugees fleeing from unrest in Sudan into such as South Sudan and Egypt with a simple act of kindness. “Many Sudanese men, women and children have escaped from persecution, war and poverty in Sudan,” said our project partner in Egypt. “This relatively small addition to the joy of their Sunday worship services was appreciated highly.”

What is this small addition? A simple sandwich lunch for Sudanese believers after their Sunday worship. This is one of the reasons we support Barnabas Fund.

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## AND FINALLY

**BRIAN BRADSHAW (BRAD)** – Brad died at 2 pm on Friday afternoon and is now with Lord. Please do thank God for Brad’s life and his enthusiasm for sharing the Gospel wherever he went. Do also pray for Glad and the family as this difficult time.

**ANN TYLER** – Ann is currently in St Richards hospital and Simon reports that she was feeling very listless when he went to see her on Tuesday. Do pray for Ann as life has been a real struggle over the last few years.

**JOHN COWLEY** – Do please pray for John as he has a heart murmur and has various tests coming up. Please pray that these tests provide the necessary information for the doctors to work out an effective treatment plan. Pray too for Janet as she hasn’t been well for some time.

**EMILY DOWNING** – This is a message from Emily. ‘As a number of you know I now on the way to Kenya on a 14-day special trip, that I was doing the fundraising for, earlier in the year. I just wanted to thank you all for your kindness, support and generosity over this last while and I would really appreciate your prayers whilst I am away, because it is a big thing to do. You have always been so very kind to me. Emily.’

**MOLLY HAWKINS** – Molly has asked us to pray for her and specifically that her troublesome hip doesn't give way completely. It is gradually crumbling away and Molly doesn’t know how she could manage without it. She already has great difficulty in moving around and has to have help at home to help her cope.

**PRAYER POINTERS** – Please continue to pray for David Hanchard, Haze Lodge, Ian Surrell, Brian Calvert, Pam Ryan, Marion Bryant, Kay Tucker, Sandra Field, Jon Crane, Mary Bullock, Mavis Eede and Katrina Gould. Pray too for others who are in need of prayer and for our friends in the local nursing homes.

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