

# ABC NEWS

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**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

**Series: Faith in Action**

**Part 7 - Growing in Wisdom**

**James 3:14-18**

**Clive Bennett**

**TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE** – This morning Simon's band will be leading our worship and Clive will be bringing God's word to us. Today we reach Part 7 in our series "Faith in Action" based on the Book of James. This week Clive will be preaching on James 3:14-18 and his talk is "Growing in Wisdom". Fortunately, this doesn't mean spending ages in the library surrounded by big heavy books as we can get the wisdom that God values from Him, free of charge. Understanding more about God's word and plans for His world sounds pretty important to me, so don't miss this.

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: <https://www.aldwickbaptist.co.uk/category/current-sermons>

**PEACE TOGETHER PUZZLERS** - - We will be meeting again on 14<sup>th</sup> October where there will also be an opportunity to play games and solve puzzles. Do join us! It's good fun and there is always something very tasty to eat! Claire.

**100 SKIPS A DAY** - As most of you know, I enjoy working at St. Richard's Hospital but sadly, I see patients every day suffering from cancer which is truly devastating. Some are young adults with young children and toddlers of their own. It is so sad to see the heartbreak that this dreadful disease causes. I want to help to raise funds for cancer treatment research, so that one day, as the current advertising slogan says, "Together we can beat cancer". So in October, I am going to do 100 skips a day in October and I hope you can find it in your hearts to sponsor my efforts. If you are able, please show your support and help fund life-saving research by donating to my page. Every blessing, Shibali  
<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/shibalis-giving-page-1>

**THE BIG SLEEPOUT 2023** – Why not join us for Stonepillow's annual BIG Sleep Out at Chichester Cathedral on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October and help raise funds and awareness for vulnerable and homeless people in our community? Could you Be Inspired and Give up your evening and your bed to help raise funds and awareness for Stonepillow and homelessness? This is an incredible opportunity to do something different and build team spirit. Could you get together a team from your workplace, business or school? It's safe, it's fun, it's suitable for (almost) all ages. Perhaps in previous years you've thought about it – make this year the year that you do it! The most important thing - stepping outside of your comfort zone and being inspired to give.

Just click the link below to find out more about how to take part, and how to set up and grow that all important sponsorship. This year we will be offering an amazing Virgin Experience Day for the highest fundraiser!

[BIG SLEEP OUT 2023](#)

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### This week's Poem

This week Arthur asks why some people just don't see the every day miracle of creation as they look around.

#### Even You and Me

I saw the migrating birds,  
Flying across the morning sky  
To a land so far away.  
Oh, what a privilege that  
I saw a miracle today.  
When I look up in the Milky Way  
The stars so many light years away.  
How it takes my breath away.  
Yes, I saw a miracle today.  
I saw a caterpillar turn into a beautiful butterfly -  
Even the unbeliever must wonder why.  
Yes, what more can I say.  
I saw another miracle today.  
Oh, how can they take for granted  
the wonders that we see?  
Everything is a miracle -  
Even You and Me.

Arthur Magee

**HOME MISSION** - Every month we receive a Home Mission Focus from Paul Kerley. This will usually be in the form of a short video from one of our Home Mission supported churches. This month the SEBA Focus is on Chiddingfold Baptist Church, and it's a video from its minister, Rev Joao Bolzan. The link for the video is at on the SEBA Web Site - [https://www.seba-baptist.org.uk/?show\\_media=311334&show\\_file=343496](https://www.seba-baptist.org.uk/?show_media=311334&show_file=343496) And YouTube Link - <https://youtu.be/UiRcvEDDZo8>

**A RETREAT DAY FOR WOMEN** - Do you need a break from your day-to-day routine? Well if you do, the RISE team are excited to announce that they will be running another event on Thursday 19th October from 10 am – 3 pm. This is a day to rest, to be inspired, to hear each other and to encounter God. The cost is £20 and includes tea/coffee and lunch. For more info or tickets please e-mail [bookings@dalesdown.org.uk](mailto:bookings@dalesdown.org.uk) or call Dalesdown on 01403 710712.

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### And finally .....

**FIRST RESPONDER** - Simon is now fully back in action after his holiday and is acting as first responder for all urgent matters. He is also busy with his pastoral meetings. For less urgent problems, please do try to make use of our pastoral care system by contacting your pastoral group coordinator.

**DAVID HANCHARD** – Have just received the date and time for his dental appointment in Chichester, It is on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Oct 10.50 am. Please do pray for peace of mind as he is a bit nervous about this treatment. Please pray too about David's general wellbeing as he is having a particularly rough time at present.

**LUCIA** - Jemeela's daughter Lucia is currently in Southampton General Hospital as she is now on the heart transplant list. Her heart is only functioning at 20% efficiency. This is very serious. Please pray for a miracle and for peace of mind for the family.

**HEATHER GAUDOIN** – Good news. Heather has had her operation and as I write this Heather is stable and sleeping peacefully. Please thank the Lord that all seems to be well at the moment and pray for Heather's ongoing recovery.

**DAVINA RUMSBY** – Davina is also still in the hospital following her fall as she is not well enough to come home yet. Alan tells me there is little change as Davina is still very weak and isn't eating properly. There is talk of her coming home soon but that hasn't been confirmed. Please pray for healing and peace of mind for both Davina and Alan.

**MARION BRYANT** – Marion has now been in hospital for 6 weeks and Bill tells us that there are signs of some improvement but he tells us that Marion will be staying there for a while more yet. Please pray for healing and peace of mind for both Marion and Bill.

**ERNIE PUFFETT** – Simon visited Ernie recently and reports that he is doing very well. For those of you who remember Ernie, please do pray for him and especially for his on-going studies! If you want to know more go to [this link!](#)

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