And finally

FIRST RESPONDER - Simon is having a break next week, so I will be acting as first responder for all urgent matters. Please do not try to contact Simon as he needs some time to recharge his batteries. For less urgent problems, please use our pastoral care system by contacting your pastoral group coordinator. Derek.

LUCIA – There has been some good news this week as Lucia is responding to her new treatment and her blood pressure is slowly rising as was hoped. Please thank God for this answer to prayer and continue to pray for a healing miracle and peace of mind for the family. Stop press – Lucia has come home for a few days.

HEATHER GAUDOIN – Good news, Heather is now out of hospital and is staying with her Auntie Heather. Unsurprisingly, she is very tired and now needs time to rest and recover. Do thank God for the success of this operation and continue to pray for ongoing healing. Please do not try to contact Heather for the time being as she needs peace and quiet. Many thanks for all the prayer support.

PAM McLAREN – Pam has been struggling this week and has now returned to Aran Lodge for a time of rest and recovery. Do pray for guidance on the best option for the future.

KAY TUCKER – Kay, who is also living at Aran Lodge, is also struggling as she feels continually weak and weary. Please do pray for an uplift in her spirit and a boast for her energy levels.

VAL GOODWIN – Good news! Val is recovering well following her accident and her walking is improving day be day. Do thank God for His healing hand and do continue to pray for ongoing healing.

DAVID HANCHARD – David would like to thank you all for your prayers which he really appreciates. He does ask us to continue to pray, because although the ulcer on his ankle is now reduced to a scab, he is still getting pain in his right foot, due to nerve pain, and continued tightness in the muscles in that foot. This is causing continued difficulty walking, and he still has to use a wheelchair when carrying out his guide duties at Chichester Cathedral.

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ABC NEWS



Sunday 22nd October 2023

Series: Faith in Action

Part 8 – Joining the defence line

James 4:1-12

David Howling

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE – This morning we return to our series, Faith in Action, based on the Book of James. As Simon is taking a well-earned break, we have invited Reverend David Howling to bring God's word to us today. The title of his talk is "Joining the defence line" based on James 4:1-12. This is a particularly difficult passage for James does not mince his words as he speaks about war and adultery as metaphors for the state of our Christian communities. It may well make you feel uncomfortable, in which case, James has achieved his aim. His words are meant to challenge believers everywhere.

Don't miss this challenging word from the Lord.

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

CHRISTMAS BOXES - Brenda wants to remind you, that the Christmas boxes need to be back by the 1st Sunday in November.

THANK YOU – Glad wants you to know that she has received a card of appreciation from Jews for Jesus for all the donations given in remembrance of Brad. So thank you everyone who donated it is greatly appreciated. Blessings

SHIBALI AND 100 SKIPS A DAY – Good news, Shabali has now raised around £315 for life-saving research into the treatment of cancer. She is still skipping every day, so if you haven't already supported her efforts, there is still time to donate through her fundraising page.

https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/shibalis-giving-page-1



AN INVITATION TO WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE – The Old Testament in a Nutshell, Saturday 28th October 10 am – 4,30 pm – Cost £14 (but bring your own packed lunch). St Mary Magdalene Church Hall, Bersted Street. PO22 9QE.

The Old Testament is massive, often hard to understand and difficult to navigate. Relax and enjoy the journey as an experienced guide encourages you to see God's Word through the 'Big Picture'. Our FUN and MEMORABLE sessions will help you learn with such CLARITY you'll be able to retell the whole STORYLINE to a friend. We will also do our best to INSPIRE and EQUIP you to keep digging deeper. Book online today at www.Bible.org.uk or contact Tim Crook on 01243 862018.

This week Arthur's poem looks forward to that glorious day when Jesus returns.

Glorious Day

How we long for that glorious day
When our Lord comes again.
No more wars, fear and pain.
Love will overwhelm us.
Oh what joy there will be
On that wonderful day.
The choir of angels singing
As we fall down on our knees to pray.
Can you imagine
The miracles we will see?
The Son of Man descending from Heaven
As the waters cover the sea.
The Sun and Moon
Proclaiming the glory,
The final chapter
Of that old, old story.

Arthur Magee

URGENT PRAYER REQUEST – Laura, Bev and Jim's eldest daughter was taken into hospital on Wednesday with severe pain which has not abated. She has a swollen kidney which might be due to a blood clot. Please pray for a swift accurate diagnosis, correct treatment and healing.

ROSANNE GOULD – Rosanne would like to thank you for the birthday presents, cards and flowers.

MISSION SUPPORT – As you know we currently support six different mission organisations. As a Baptist Church, we are expected to support the Baptist Missionary Society (BMS) and Baptist Home mission which we do each month. In addition, we support **SAT7**, **BARNABAS FUND**, **MAF** and **THE BIBLE SOCIETY** by giving an annual gift.

Our mission would like to know if you want to continue supporting these 4 missions or is it time for a change. Possible alternative missions we could support are **WYCLIFFE BIBLE TRANSLATORS**, **ONELIFE** and **AFRICAN ADVENTURES**. To help you make a decision, pick up a leaflet at church this Sunday which tells you more about these missions and contains a preference slip for you to return. Please select FOUR choices from this list (the document says 3 but that is WRONG. Can you return you slips by Sunday, 29th October.