And finally

FIRST RESPONDER - Simon is our first responder for all urgent matters for the time being. For less urgent problems, please use our pastoral care system by contacting your pastoral group coordinator. Derek.

MARION BRYANT – Good news, Marion is now back at home after seven weeks in hospital. She is slowly recovering and gradually regaining her strength but is still in need of your prayers as there is still a long way to go. Marion wants to thank you for your prayers and sends a big hug to you all.

A REMINDER ABOUT LUCIA – Lucia has an appointment at Great Ormond Street on the 23rd November. In the meantime she is currently on vacation at home as the hospital want to see how she copes with everyday life. She goes back to Southampton on the 8th November for a two day checkup when she will then be on the final level of the drug. Despite everything she remains cheerful and looks a lot better. She is still not able to exert herself and knows when she needs to sit down. Thank you for your prayers but do keep on praying for healing and peace of mind.

HEATHER GAUDOIN – Good news, Heather is making good but slow progress after her recent operation. 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.

ERNIE PUFFETT – Simon managed to see Ernie in hospital this week following his stroke a couple of weeks ago. Ernie has no real movement down his left-hand side and his speech is very slurred but he is receiving the best of care. Please pray for peace of mind and ongoing healing.

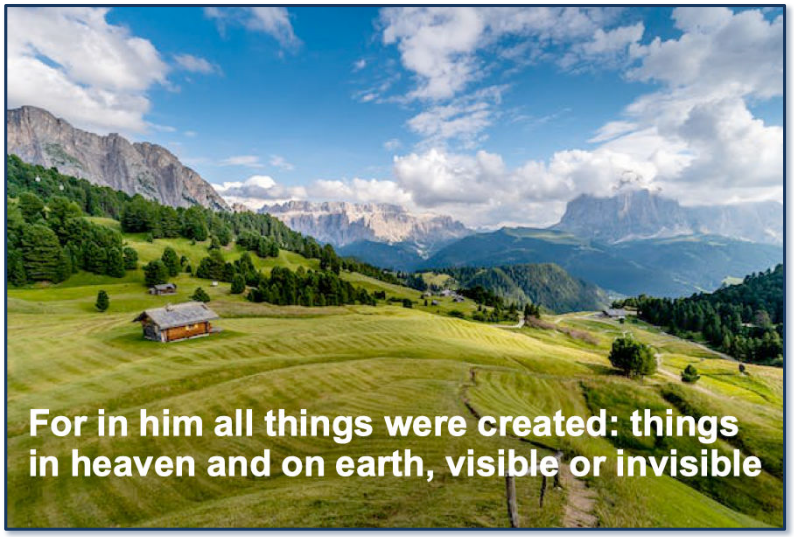
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ABC NEWS



Sunday 5th November 2023

Family Service – The Power of God

Colossians 1:16 & Psalm 66:1-4

Simon Downing

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE – This morning the theme of our family service is the "Power of God". Simon's band will be leading worship and he will bringing us God's word inspired by two Bible passages - Colossians 1:16 & Psalm 66:1-4.

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

A REMINDER - There will be a family prayer meeting on Tuesday, 7th November in the church at 7.00pm. Do try to join us as we seek God's direction for the church.

ANN TYLER - It is Ann Tyler's funeral Tuesday 14th November at 2:00 p.m. at Chichester crematorium, It would be good if some of us could attend to support the family and to support Simon who will be leading proceedings.

CHRISTMAS BOXES - Brenda wants to remind you, that the Christmas boxes have to be back today.

FRANK IS BACK IN ACTION – Frank is back after a half-term break taking God's word in some of of local primary schools. This week he will be at Fishbourne on Tuesday, Nyewood on Thursday and Arundel on Friday. His theme this week are Jesus' words, "If you have seen me, you have seen the Father" (John 14:8-10). Do pray for safe travelling and receptive minds in the children and the teachers he talks too.

THANK YOU FROM SHIBALI - I would like to thank you for all your encouragement and and generosity in supporting my fundraising. I have managed to raise £511 for much needed life-saving research. My efforts were part of a worldwide fundraising effort which raised an amazing £1,390,443.54. God bless you all, Shibali.

PRAYER ROOM - Dear Friends, please go into your prayer room and pray the many requests of your brothers and sisters. Do add any of your own requests onto the wall. It is so encouraging to see God's answer to prayer. Angela

CHRISTMAS IS COMING! So now is the time to enter these dates in your diary.

- Carols in the Car Park (Christmas) – Wednesday 13th December2023
- Christmas Services:
  - Carols in the Car Park – Wednesday 13th December 2023 at 18.00
  - Carols by Candlelight – Sunday 17th December at 18.30
  - Midweek Carol Service – Wednesday 20th December at 14.00
  - Christmas Eve Service – Sunday 24th December at 10.30
  - Christmas Day - Monday 25th December at 10.30

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This week Arthur's poem reminds us that there are so many people who are going about their business without a thought of their eternal destination. They simply can't see that they are lost and in danger.

LOST

They say we are like ships
That pass in the night.
Here for a moment
And then out of sight.
"We're just passing through",
You hear them cry.
"Live, laugh and be merry
For tomorrow we die."
They're just like a speck of sand
Lost in no man's land.
Lost in time and space.
For in their world, God has no place.
They seem blind to see
That beyond the temporary
In Christ we have eternity.
They ask me, "How do you know
What you say is true?"
I say, " I know … because once
I was lost like you."

Arthur Magee

OUR ONGOING MISSIONARY GIVING - Thank you for voting on your choices for our ongoing Missionary giving. The results were as follows:

• The Bible Society	45 votes	Barnabas Aid	39 votes
• African Adventures	31 votes	One Life	30 votes

Consequently, these will be the 4 charities which will each receive a donation of £600 in February 2024.

The remaining votes went to:

• MAF	28 votes	SAT 7	26 votes
• Wycliffe	14 votes		

We do also support Baptist Missionary Society and Baptist Home Mission each month