This week's poem

This week Arthur's poem reminds us how privileged we are to live in God's glorious world. What is a pity it is that so many people can't see that.

What a privilege

How I like to find a quiet place,
To reflect in God's creation.
What a privilege to be alone with Him
And close my eyes in meditation.
To be alone with Him looking up
to the billions of stars in the Milk Way,
So overwhelming it takes my breath away.
To stand there in the midst of time and space,
Yes, oh what peace I find in that quiet place.

Sometimes I stand on the seashore.
The sunset reflecting its golden light,
Slowly the sun slips away,
To give way to the night.
How wonderful is God's beauty,
Sometimes I feel I see his face,
Alone with him in that quiet place.

Early in the morning
I climb to the top of the hill.
I see the stars slowly fading away,
I hear the bird's song
To welcome the new day.
I feel like I can almost touch
the tranquillity there.
Far from this world
with all its burdens and care.
Oh, what joy to know
my God is always there.

Arthur Magee

URGENT PRAYER REQUEST - Heather Gertig has had a six hour operation on her ankle on Wednesday. Please pray that there will be no complications and that she will be home for Christmas. The family are very grateful for all the prayer support.

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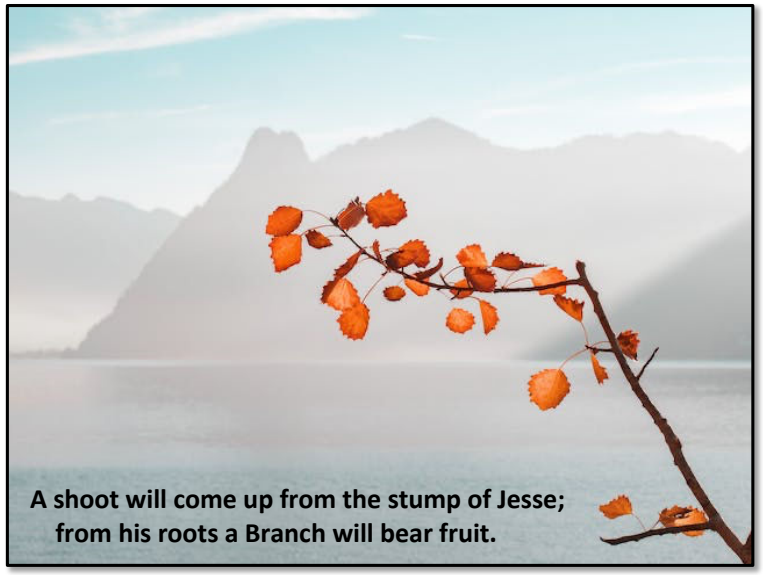
Vision: Loving God, Loving Each Other, Loving Lost People

ABC NEWS



Sunday 17th December 2023

Series: Advent 2023

Advent 2: The Branch

Isaiah 11:1-15

Clive Bennett

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE – At this morning's service we will be lighting the third Advent candle. Simon's band is leading worship, so make sure you are in good voice, as we will certainly be singing some rousing songs.

Clive will also be bringing God's word to us based on a familiar passage form Isaiah 11:1-15 where the prophet reminds us of a God's promise that "A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a branch will bear fruit." We know that Isaiah is referring to the Messiah, to Jesus who is the fulfilment of God's promise that a descendant of David would rule for ever. Now that is worth remembering and celebrating.

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

THIS EVENING 6.30pm – CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT – Do join us for our annual evening carol service which will be followed by mince pies!

OUR MIDWEEK AFTERNOON CAROL SERVICE – Wednesday, December 20th at 3.30pm followed by delicious homemade cakes, tea and coffee. Please do invite your friends, relatives and neighbours to join us especially if they are reluctant to come out in the dark evenings. If any of you can make and donate cakes, they would be most welcome. Thank you in advance. Derek

CAROLS IN THE CAR PARK LAST WEDNESDAY – Yes, it was cold but it was still a memorable evening. Thank you to the Salvation Army for their inspirational music and thank you for braving the cold.



BACK DESK – We are now short of back desk operators. Is this something you can help with? You will receive full training and ongoing support. Please speak to Simon if you are able to help.

There will be no news sheet for the next two weeks, so here is a preview of what is coming up.

Sunday 24th December 2023

Series: Advent 2023

Advent 3: The Ruler

Micah 5:1-5

Simon Downing

Monday 25th December 2023

Christmas Morning

Luke 2:13-14

Simon Downing

Sunday 31st December 2023

Series: New Year

Ebenezer

1 Samuel 7:1-14

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