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.

EMILY BROWN – As most of you know, Emily recently moved to Godalming to be nearer her family. Unfortunately, things haven't gone too well so far. As you might remember she slipped off the bed and fractured her pelvis on the day she finally moved. Now Emily has further problems and is need our prayers. Her left side (which was her good) has collapsed. She is in a lot of pain and can't put her foot down. She is currently having acupuncture treatment as physio has proved just too painful. Emily can't get out of the house and so hasn't been able to look at joining a new church which is what she desperately wants to do. Please pray for pain relief, correct treatment and healing.

ARUN LODGE – Please do pray for our three residents in Arun Lodge, Val Collet, Pam McLaren and Kay Tucker. Pray for peace of mind, good health and a chance to witness to others at the Lodge. If the weather is fine, they would welcome a stroll along the esplanade in a wheelchair and a breath of beautiful fresh air

IAN SURRELL – As you know, Ian was taken into hospital just before Christmas but is now back at home. He has not fully recovered and so still needs your prayers. He is hoping to be back in church soon (Maybe even today!) but would also welcome a few phone calls.

WHO DO YOU THINK THESE CHILDREN ARE DESCRIBING? Why, it must be our dear friend Frank. Please pray for Frank's ministry this week as he will be talking God's word into three of our local schools.

2024 CHURCH MEMORY VERSE – Have you picked up your card yet?

> ***"Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it."***

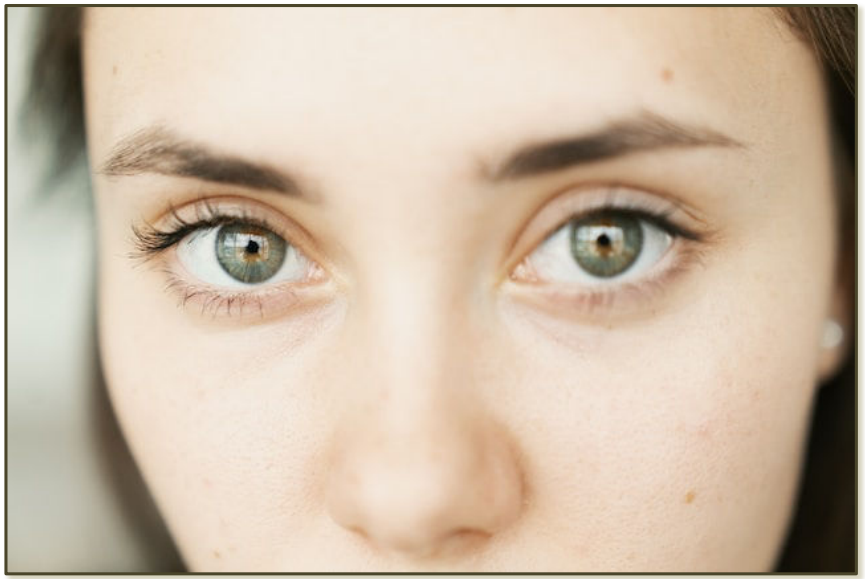
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ABC NEWS



Sunday 14th January 2024

Series: Eyes Wide Open

Part II - Prophetic days

2 Thessalonians 2:1-12

Simon Downing

A MESSAGE FROM SIMON - Some of you may remember that back in November I said that I believe the Lord has given me some very important and specific sermons which now form part of our "Eyes Wide Open" series. Today we reach part II which is based on 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12. I would, therefore, be grateful if you can read the passage in advance. I would also be grateful if you can be praying specifically for me, because today's is a big talk for me to do. May I encourage you to come along to these talks because I believe God has given these to us, at the start of this new year, for a reason.

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

NEXT WEEK - JANUARY 21st - Eyes wide open III - I am coming soon - Revelation 22v12-13, 16, 20-21

TODAY'S FLOWERS - Mick Parker has provided the flowers this week in remembrance of his lovely wife, Patricia, who passed away three and a half years ago on August 18th 2020. Had she survived, she would have celebrated her 82nd birthday on January 14th, and five days later, on the 19th, Pat and Mick would have celebrated their 64th Wedding Anniversary.

CHURCH FAMILY MEETING – Just a reminder that our first Church Family meeting will be held Thursday 25th January at 19.00. The agenda for our meeting is at the back of the church and it would be very encouraging if as many of you as possible could be present.

PREACHING TEAM – I am preaching at Southbourne Free Church today and would value your prayers for a safe journey and a fresh infilling of the Holy Spirit as I deliver the message. Please pray too for this small group of believers and their minister Paul. Derek.

WHO DO YOU THINK THESE CHILDREN ARE DESCRIBING? - "I like it when he pulls funny faces, especially when Mr Simpson tells him not to".

"I like it when he comes in as everyone is so excited to see him".

"I enjoy writing things down and watching the videos".

"I love it when her asks us to remember something. He gives us a prize sometimes and that is really thoughtful".

"I enjoy recording our learning on paper and putting this in our RE books".

"He always makes my day".

"He always comes in with a smile, which makes us smile".

It is clearly someone these children really like! [Answer on p4.]

This week Arthur's poem reminds us that if we are only prepared to look, each day brings fresh glimpses of the glory of God. Each day reminds us that He is the Lord of all creation, and we are in His hands.

Hand of God

In the still of a clear spring morning,
When the sun is beginning to shine
The birds in the trees are singing.
Another new day in life's precious time

In the still of the clear spring morning,
We praise and make time to reflect.
That we are part of creation.
Oh, what a privilege, what a prospect!

In the still of a clear spring morning,
The stars slowly fading away.
We feel the hand of God,
To guide us through another new day.

Arthur Magee

LOVE ALDWICK - There will be a Love Aldwick Planning Meeting in the Church foyer on Monday 15th January at 7pm. If you are interested in joining this initiative, do let Clive know.

ONE LIFE - As you may recall, one of the missions we will be supporting this year is "One Life". If you want to know more about "One Life" then do look at their website by **clicking here**. If you would like to read their December prayer letter sent to John and Joy, then **click here**.

HOME MISSION FOCUS - 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 Yalding Baptist Church, Kent, and it's a video from its Pastor, James Bushnell.

The link for the video is on the SEBA Web Site -https://www.seba-baptist.org.uk/?show_media=315729&show_file=349392

WANTED – NEW HOME GOUP LEADERS – We have several people who want to join a home group, but our current groups are bursting at the seams. We urgently need to start at least two more groups. Can you help? Please ask God if He is calling you into this ministry. Please talk to me if you would like more information. Derek