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 DOWNING - Emily is now on a 5 week travelling holiday with her friend Freya. Please do pray for the Lord's protection over Emily and Freya as they go about their travels. Please pray too for peace of mind for the family back at home.

HEATHER GERTIG - Heather has returned to QA hospital this week as the ankle isn't healing as it should. The staff are able to drain the fluid off more effectively in hospital. Currently Heather is still unable to put any weight on her ankle. The family are grateful for the support of prayer

HEATHER GAUDOIN - Heather is making slow but steady progress. She is due to start a phased return to work on 1st February, gradually increasing her hours over a 4 week period. (She has been off work since the middle of September, so there will be a lot to catch up on as they are heading into a particularly busy time of year. She still has quite a bit of discomfort around the incision areas, and some movements are still uncomfortable. Heather has a follow-up appointment with the Cardiology team at St Richards next Friday afternoon, where they will review my progress. She would value your prayers that the continuing discomfort eases and that her return to work goes smoothly.

DAVID HANCHARD - David finally managed to get a dental appointment on Thursday and had his immediate problem solved. He has to return next week for further treatment. David wants to thank you all for your prayers and asks you to continuing praying for him as he is nervous about next week.

KAY TUCKER - Kay hasn't been feeling very well over the last two weeks and was unable to come to church last Sunday. Please pray that Kay feels better soon and that she is able to join us on a Sunday morning again.

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ABC NEWS



Sunday 21st January 2024

Series: Eyes Wide Open

Part III – I am coming soon

Revelation 22:12,13, 16 and 20-21

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 III which is based on Revelation 22. I would, therefore, be grateful if you can read the passage in advance. 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

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.

PRAYER DAY - There will be a prayer day on Saturday 3rd February where individuals are encouraged to come and pray for God's guidance and support. Please see Joy to book your slot.

JOBS VACANT - CHURCH CLEANER - We are looking for a self-employed church cleaner to carry out various cleaning duties throughout the church complex using both manual and electrical equipment on both carpet and vinyl floor surfaces. To clean all accessible surfaces using both duster and cleaning spray, using damp cloths. To ensure all rubbish and recyclable waste is disposed of in accordance with waste regulations. Check all soap dispensers and replenish, as and when required. Check all toilet roll and paper towel dispensers, refill as necessary. Clean all sanitaryware, including urinals and disinfect as required. Initially it will be for 4 hours a week at £12 per hour. Hours are flexible, in line with current demands and the use of the facilities by both Church and outside users. If you know anyone who would be interested then contact John Smith

MEN'S BREAKFAST - 8.00am Saturday 27 January 2024. The Woolpack Inn, 71 Fishbourne Road (West), Fishbourne, Chichester PO19 3JJ. It is always a worthwhile event and it would be great to see you there. Please make your own booking but if you need a lift please let me know. Clive.

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

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.

Heaven

Last night I dreamed I was in heaven.
Oh what a glorious place to be.
Love and peace
for all eternity.

Last night I dreamed I was in heaven.
No doubt, no temptation.
Just beautiful music and singing
beyond imagination.

Yes that place far away
from sorrow and pain,
where we'll never
say goodbye again.

I saw heaven as a beautiful summer's garden.
It's beauty beyond compare.
A place of perfect contentment,
away from all troubles in care

Last night I dreamed I was in heaven.
Away from space and time.
Where love will rule forever
and love of God will always shine.

Arthur Magee

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 rewarding ministry. Please talk to me if you would like more information. Derek