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.

ROBERT FROM CHILE - We have received this prayer request from Veronica (from Southbourne) concerning her brother Robert. "Robert is getting very tired which really concerns him. He is being put onto different medication as the previous chemo medication was ineffective." Please pray that this new medication is effective and that Robert will soon feel a lot better. Do also thank God for Robert's progress so far.

LAURA - Jim and Bev have sent us this prayer request for their daughter Laura, "We would like to thank you all for your support for our daughter, Laura. She has had significant damage to one kidney from infection caused by a blockage. The renal consultant, was to have reviewed scans/ tests with a colleague to identify a possible cause but this had not happened and the only advice concerned adjustment to medication. Please pray for Laura's peace, protection and more clarity at the follow-up appointment in 3 months. She is very appreciative of your prayers and can see God's working in her daily life in the past few months."
Please pray urgently for Laura and her family.

KAT TUCKER – Kay hasn't been too well lately and really needs our prayers. Please pray that she soon feels better and feels able to join us here again soon as she really misses the fellowship and the teaching.

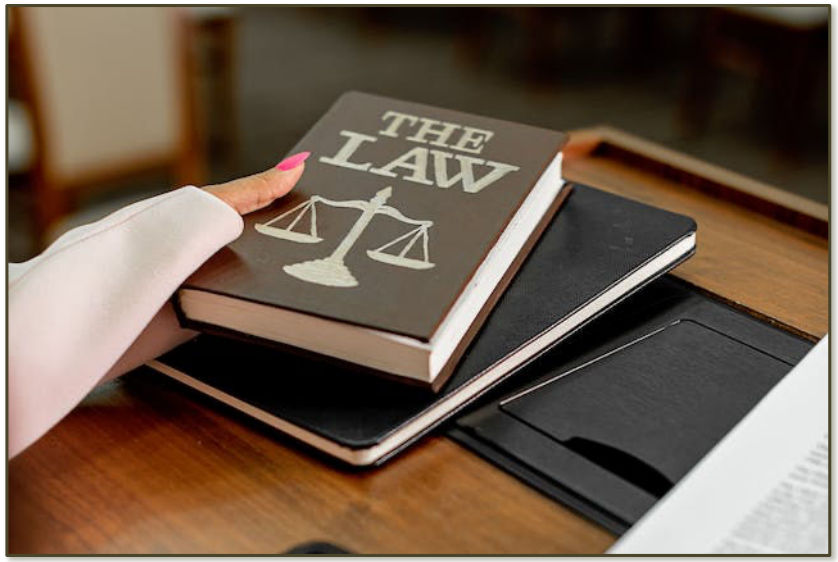
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ABC NEWS



Sunday 28th January 2024

Series: The Unveiling

The Unveiling: Authority

John 5:1-30

Simon Downing

A MESSAGE FROM SIMON – This Sunday we finally return to our series entitled, "The Unveiling". Today's talk is entitled, "The Unveiling – Authority" based on John's Gospel chapter 5. We will be looking at an extraordinary set of events, through which we can see Jesus' authority at work. You may recall, John's purpose, in his book, is to seek out who Jesus really is.

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

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.

OUR FAMILY SERVICE NOW INCLUDES BREAKFAST TIME - This will begin from February 4th 2024 and all the family services from that date forwards, will be more *streamlined* to meet the needs of the wide age range of the congregation. The service will be finished within an hour.

So what is it all about?

Breakfast time is open to all ages.

Breakfast time is to encourage Christians and non-Christians alike, to share in some food together, before the family services begin.

It is about using the gifts of relationships, hospitality, generosity, and kindness to make people feel valued. It is about helping people feel that they 'belong.' As relationships develop, the sharing of one's faith may also emerge in time.

Breakfast menu? This will quality croissants, cereals, coffee, tea, and will be available from 9.30 in the morning, an hour before the service begins.

Most important - We are all encouraged *no t*o just talk to people we already know, but to befriend people they do not know so well.

Who might be coming? The advertising for Breakfast Time, will be to all our contacts, such as those at Messy Church and Toddler Time.

If this venture goes well, and we will reassess it after 4 months, then it is possible it might develop further.

DAVID AND FIONA'S HOMEGROUP – As you probably know, whilst Davis and Fiona are away, this group is currently being headed John and Hazel Bell. As there are now some spaces in this group, do contact Hazel if you would like to join.

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

This week Arthur's poem reminds us that when the world doesn't seem to care much, as believers we do have a wonderful friend who knows exactly how you feel. Keep your eyes on Jesus – He is the way.

He is the way

Are you longing to find the answer
and to know the reason why?
Does everything seem so confusing
No matter how hard you try?

If only, when no one seems to care
you had a friend who was always there.
If only, when you regret your sin and shame
You could be born again.

If only when you are lost and do not understand,
You had a friend to take your hand.
My friend the love of Jesus
is the greatest love of all,
The man who says there is no God
Has to be a fool.

If you believe in Jesus
Oh, how content you will be.
You will find peace so overwhelming.
Oh what wonders you will see.
He is the way, the truth and the life
And He died for you and me.

Arthur Magee

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