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.

FAMILY PRAYER MEETING – Our monthly family prayer will be on Tuesday 5th December at 7pm. Please do try to join us as we seek God's will for the church.

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.

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 – 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 would also welcome a few phone calls.

FRANK YORKSTON – Frank has recommenced his school visits and is hoping to include another local school soon. Please pray for ongoing strength and receptive hearts from both the pupils and the staff who hear Frank talk about his favourite subject – Jesus! Pray too for new openings!

SASRA – Would like to thank you for supporting them in prayer over the last year. Please do continue to pray for their ongoing work. If you want to know more then click on the link below.

https://sasra.org.uk/news/thank-you-for-your-support-in-2023/

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**.

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ABC NEWS



Sunday 7th January 2024

A Family Service

This is the way, walk ye in it

Isaiah 30:21

Simon Downing

Simon and the Leadership Team at ABC pray that 2024 will be a Happy and Blessed New Year when we see The Lord at work right across the church and throughout our area and town.

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 to do in the new year, and so here they are. I would, therefore, be grateful if you can read the passages for these talks in advance. I would also be grateful if you can be praying specifically for me, because the one on the 14th, particularly, 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.

January 7th (**Today – Family Service**) - Eyes wide open I: this is the way, walk ye in it (family service) - Isaiah 30v21. In this service Simon will be sharing the reasons behind his choice of this year's memory verse which is taken from Isaiah 30:21.

> ***"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."***

January 14th - Eyes wide open II - prophetic days - 2 Thessalonians 2v1-12

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

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

THE MONDAY CRAFT GROUP – We will be returning on Monday January 8th. We would love to welcome new crafters to our group. Why not come along from 10am to 12pm and see what we do! Tricia Richardson.

MONTHLY FAMILY PRAYER MEETING – We will be meeting for our monthly family prayer meeting at 7.00 mm on Tuesday, January 9th in the church. Please do try to join us as we seek God's guidance for the church.

PEACE TOGETHER PUZZLERS - - We will be meeting again at 10 am on Saturday, 13th January where there will be an opportunity to play games and solve puzzles. Do join us! It's good fun and there is always something very tasty to eat! Claire.

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.

This week Arthur's poem reminds us that each new year brings us joy and sorrow, not always in equal amounts. But he also reminds us that we on a journey to a very special place where God's light will always shine.

2024 – Another Year

Another new year,
As we travel along life's road.
Sometimes we travel light,
Sometimes with a heavy load.
Sometimes we travel
through the valleys of despair.
But at other times there was love and joy
well beyond compare.
When we think of those we love
as time passes by.
So many precious memories -
Some that make us happy
but some that make us cry.
But no matter where we roam,
we know this road will take us home.
Home to that place away from space and time
Where God's light will always shine.
Yes home to that place
away from sorrow and pain
where we will never say goodbye again

Arthur Magee

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

A BIG THANK YOU – To all of you who provided the delicious cakes for our midweek carol service. They were much appreciated by our many guests. It was an lovely way to end the service.