… and finally

FIRST RESPONDER - Simon is generally our first responder for all urgent matters, so do contact him in the case of emergencies. For less urgent problems, please use our pastoral care system by contacting your pastoral group coordinator.

EMILY BROWN - Most of you know Emily has moved to Godalming to be nearer her family and, since doing so, has had some very major setbacks with a fractured pelvis and a broken born in foot. Well the good news is Emily is now able to drive again and came to see us at our home group on Monday. She looked remarkably well and sends her love to you all. Further good news is that Emily is now able to attend a local church at last. Please thank the Lord for his healing hand.

MALCOLM FARRINGTON - Please do continue to pray for Malcolm and for Barbara as they have to cope with significant changes in their life. Pray for peace and rest.

KAY TUCKER - Kay has been struggling of late and is finding coming to church quite a challenge. Please pray for peace of mind and an uplift in her energy levels.

I DO LOVE A STROLL ALONG THE PROM, PROM, PROM - Okay, that's a line from a fairly old song but does capture something most of us take for granted. But what happens when you can't get out under your own steam? The answer is that such people need you to take them out especially when the sun shines. Can you help? Do see me if you feel able! Derek

THOSE WHO SUFFER IN SILENCE – Please do pray for the many members of our congregation who struggle on without complaint despite severe difficulties. Please do pray specifically for these unnamed heroes of the faith.

OUR PASTORAL TEAM - Please pray for our pastoral team and the good work they are doing in monitoring your health and well-being. If anyone else would like to join this team, then do let me know.

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ABC NEWS



Sunday 10th March 2024

Series: The Lord Provides

Faithfulness in Hardship

Ruth 1

Derek Robinson

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE -Today is Mothering Sunday but it is also the start of a new 4-week series based on the book of Ruth entitled "The Lord Provides". Many people think of this book as a beautiful love story, a feel good read but as you will see today, it begins in quite a different way with the harsh reality of being a woman in a male dominated culture. It is very much looking at how women react to family disasters. It also has direct links to how we should live our lives today. Don't miss this!

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

ADVANCE NOTICE – EASTER SERVICES. Please make a note of these dates

Thursday, 28th March 7.00 pm. – Maundy Thursday service

Friday, 29th March 10.00 am – Good Friday service

Sunday 31st March 7.30am – Sunrise service, Pagham Beach

Sunday 31st March 10.30 am – Easter Sunday Service on Resurrection day

WESTERGATECHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP - THEN CAME MORNING – AN INVITATION TO JOIN US - We will once again be having a presentation on the evening of Good Friday, 29th March, at 7.00 p.m. in the Eastergate Village Hall, Barnham Road, Eastergate. In a day when there are many fears within the nation and across the world, it is a time to remember the great victory that Jesus won for us all at Calvary and on Resurrection Day, and the eternal hope and assurance He has granted to us. No other religion or "world leaders" can offer what Jesus has achieved for us. He alone is the Way, the Truth and the Life which the world needs to know in these days of crisis and desperation for many. For further details see the poster on the noticeboard.

NEXT MEN'S BREAKFAST - 8.00am Saturday 23 March 2024 at the The Woolpack Inn, 71 Fishbourne Road (West), Fishbourne, Chichester PO19 3JJ. This month's guest speaker is James Courtis-Pond, ex city lawyer and CEO of AnyDATA Solutions. For further details, do talk to Clive.

BREAKFAST TIME - Talking of breakfast, how do like our new monthly family service which starts with breakfast time? Do you enjoy it? Do you think it is worthwhile? Could it be improved? Do let Joy know what you think.

CAR PARKING - Please park responsibly by first parking against the fence at the front of the church. It is very frustrating for people coming into the car park and not being able to access blocked spaces.

This week Arthur's poem reminds us that sometimes the only thing that keeps us going is the blessed assurance that we have by knowing one day we will be with Jesus.

Blessed Assurance

So many times,
We have to say goodbye along the way
How we longed for them to stay.

We hold on to the memories
Of all the things we shared.
And, O Lord, how much we cared.

Every moment was so precious.
When we look back on the years.
All the laughter and joy,
But sometimes tears.

But how wonderful
That we have the blessed assurance
Of life to be together,
With our Lord for all eternity.

In that place far away,
Free from sorry and pain.
You can say with pride,
Where we never have to say
Goodbye again.

Arthur Magee

SEBA HOME MISSION FOCUS FOR MARCH 2024 - Every month we receive a Home Mission Focus from Paul Kerley which is usually in the form of a short video from one of our Home Mission supported churches. This month the SEBA Focus is on Pulborough Brooks Baptist Church, near Gatwick, and it's a video from its Minister in Training, Miranda. The link for the video is at

https://www.seba-baptist.org.uk/?show_media=319824&show_file=354555

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - Three Choir Festival is being held here on Saturday 16th March 2024 in Church Sanctuary. For more details speak to Brenda.