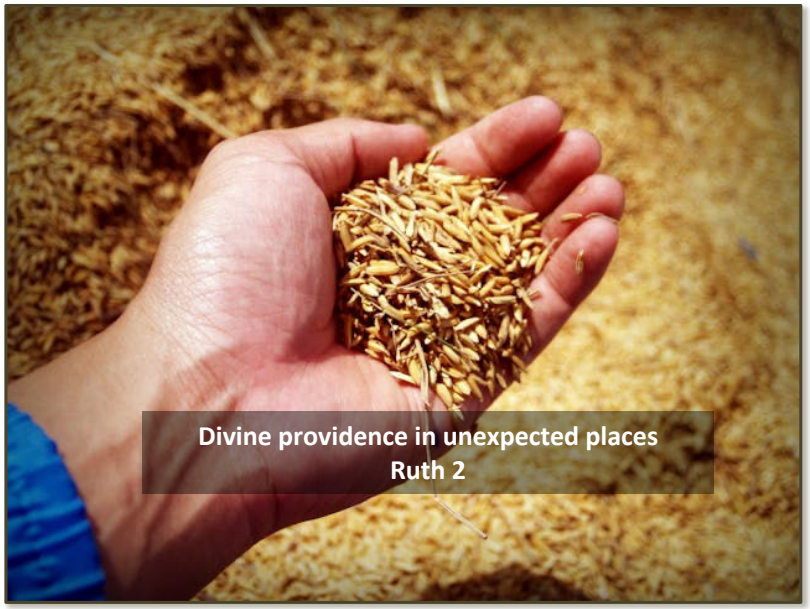
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ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



Sunday 17th March 2024

Series: The Lord Provides

Divine providence in unexpected places

Ruth 2

Simon Downing

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE - Brenda's band will be leading worship this Sunday as we continue with Part 2 of our 4-week series based on the book of Ruth entitled "The Lord Provides". The title of Simon's talk this week is "Divine providence in unexpected places". I am sure many of you could give examples of the Lord's providence from your own lives and so this week's talk may well resonate with some of your own experiences. This service will also in communion.

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

SIX BIG THANK YOU'S – As many of you will know as well as supporting the Baptist Missionary Society (BMS) and Baptist Home mission on a monthly basis, we make annual donations to other missions of you choosing. This year we donated £500 to each of SAT 7, MAF, Barnabas Aid, The Bible Society, African Adventures and OneLife. In response we have received 6 letters/emails expressing each mission's thanks, some giving us an update on their work. They all made it clear how vital such donations are – so well done to you all!

COFFEE TIME – An advanced notice that Coffee Time will not be open on Thursday 4th April as both Liz and Trish are away. Coffee Time is an essential part of the West Meads community and regularly attracts 60+ plus visitors each week but is run by a very small team – and they need your help. So if any of you would be interested in helping out occasionally, do have a word with Liz Nichols.

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ROSANNE – Who will be giving her testimony at a Chocolate 'n Craft evening at Horsley Evangelical Church on 20th March. Please pray for peace of our mind, a steady voice and an impact on the hearers.

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.

This week's poem

This week Arthur's poem reminds us that sometimes that the one thing you can rely on in a very uncertain world, is Jesus' never ending love.

Never Ending Love

When you are at the end of your tether,
Jesus is at the other end.
When you reach rock bottom,
On Him you can depend.
When you feel, you can't go on
He will be there to lean upon.

On that rocky road of life,
Jesus will be your guide.
When you cross the swollen river,
He will help you to the other side.
When you feel disappointed
And your plans have gone astray.
Trust in Him,
To show you the way.

He knows your past and future.
He knows you through and through.
He will be with you everyday
In what you think, where you go
And what you do.

So when life seems so overwhelming
And you feel you just can't go on,
Just turn your eyes upon Jesus,
For you have His never ending love
To lean upon.

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

… and finally

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.

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.

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.

PLEASE DO THANK GOD – For Simon's ministry here, his family, the leadership team and all of members who we don't see too often as they are incapable of worshipping with us through ill heath or frailty.

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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