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 health 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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ABC NEWS



Sunday 24th March 2024

Series: Easter

Welcoming the King

Luke 19:28-44

Derek Robinson

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE – Clive's band will be leading worship this Sunday as we break off from our series on the "The Lord Provides" and move into Holy week. This late change to our programme is because Simon is unwell and can't be with us today. So instead, I will be preaching on "Welcoming the King" based on Luke 19:28-44. Because today is also when we recall Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem as we celebrate Palm Sunday which marks the start of Easter week. Details of our Easter services are given below. Please do pray for Simon. 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

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

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.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS - Our financial year ends on 31st March and so if you run one of our groups, I need your accounts as soon as possible as they form an important part of the information that goes on the Charities' website.

GOOD NEWS NEWSPAPER - What did you think of the Easter edition of the Good News? Is it something we should buy every month? Do you think it might be a good tool for local evangelism? Would you be prepared to distribute in your street? Let me know your views.



TALKING ABOUT EVANGELISM – We have a new sermon series stating on April 28th when Jesus will be challenging all of us about our responsibilities to share the Good News with your friends and neighbours.

ANOTHER NEW SERIES – Alongside this series we will also be starting another new series entitled, "Bold Witness: Empowering Every Believer to Evangelise" based on the story of Elijah.

CAR PARKING - Please park responsibly by first parking against the fence at the front of the church. It really does make a difference.

This week Arthur reminds us that if we have gone astray, we still have a loving heavenly Father, we is waiting, arms open wide for us to come home.

The Prodigal

How I longed to go back home,
to the loved ones that meant the world to me.
I came here a rich man
but now I'm left in poverty.
I thought I knew it all.
But now I've been proved a fool.
How can I go back and lose my pride?
Oh Lord I feel so bad inside
I'm left here to feed the swine
and live a life of crime.
I must go back, even as a slave.
It can't be worse than the hell I've made.
I will sleep in the barn on the hay
and beg them that I can stay.
As I approached the house
I saw my father standing there.
He ran towards me arms open wide.
Oh Lord how I cried.
Father I am so very sorry
I let you down.
Son 'I love you.'
'You were last
but now you are found.'

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