… 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.

DAVID HANCHARD – A Big thanks to everyone for your prayers. My return to work on Tuesday afternoon went well, we were quite busy, so time went relatively quickly. The pain did subside so it didn't spoil the time. David.

ON THE BEACH – Our Sunday morning sunrise went very well despite a biting Easterly wind. There were 31 attendees – mainly from the area – not from ABC! Please pray that those who don't know the Lord went away pondering what Easter is all about. Thank you to David and Fiona for their continued hospitality.

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, "Elijah – Living securely in an insecure world".

AN INTERESTING TALK - The speaker at the recent Christian men's breakfast talked about the utter reliability of scripture and how so many books with so many authors can fulfil a prophecy spread throughout the Bible. He used 1 Samuel 2:5 as an example. In Hannah's prayer she prophetically says of Israel: "She who was barren has borne seven children, but she who has had many sons pines away. He then presented who the seven barren women were where in each case God intervened to bring life with resultant children who fulfilled His purposes and had Christlike qualities. If you want to know more, do talk to Clive about it.

ABC IN THE NEWS - There was an article about ABC in the recent SEBA News email which may be of interest alongside other news from the Association. The article is the last one in the "Network News" category. You can access the article by clicking here.

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ABC NEWS



Sunday 7th April 2024

Our Monthly Family Service

Seeds!

Matthew 13:1-8

Simon Downing

THIS WEEKEND'S FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE - This will include Breakfast Time which is open to all ages. Breakfast time is a place 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, fruit, 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.

Simon's talk will be based on Matthew 13:1-8, where Jesus tells the parable of the Sower (and, of course, the seeds).

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

NEXT FAMILY PRAYER MEETING - Tuesday 9th at 7.00 pm. Please do try to join us as we seek God's guidance in prayer.

CHURCH FAMILY MEETING – Our quarterly family meeting will be on Thursday 18th April at 7 pm. Please do make every effort to attend.

YOUR FAITH, YOUR ONLINE WORLD - The Baptist Union has been part of a collaboration producing this innovative project aimed at empowering young people aged 11-16 to explore what it means to be a Christian and how that interweaves with navigating life online. The project aims to facilitate a space for self-reflection, faith exploration, and thoughtful, faith aligning online engagement. Click here to **find out more about this free resource**. Do share this link with anyone working with young people and any young children that you know.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS - Our financial year ended 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.

SEBA HOME MISSION FOCUS FOR APRIL 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 Hawkinge Baptist Church in Kent where their Minister is Ali Boddington. The link (rom 1st April) is:

https://www.seba-baptist.org.uk/?show_media=321235&show_file=356314

This week, in the week following the Lord's resurrection, Arthur reminds us that even when things go wrong, we have an almighty God that we can rely on.

Not Mine

When I feel all is lost,
My life all in decline,
I will soldier on,
I will keep strong.
But in your strength Lord,
Not mine.

The race is on.
I will set the pace.
With joy, I cross the line.
Thank you Lord for the victory.
Because of your strength,
Not mine.

Temptation all around me.
The devil wastes his time.
But he will not win,
I won't give in,
Because of your strength,
Not mine.

When my life on earth is over,
Away from space and time
Oh what joy
to be with Lord.
Because of your victory Lord,
Not mine.

Arthur Magee

MESSY CHURCH – In a necessary change to our published calendar, Messy Church will open its doors at 3.30pm pm on Thursday, April 11th. Why not pop in and see what goes on? You will be made very welcome.

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