… 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.

THE WEATHER IS IMPROVING – Which means our ladies at Arun Lodge would quite like a trip to the seaside - which is only 100m away! So if you are able to push a wheelchair can you help? If you can then do talk to me as soon as possible. Derek.

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 Chiddingfold Baptist Church where their Minister is Revd. Joao Bolzan. To view the video click on one of the following links.

https://www.seba-baptist.org.uk/?show_media=322855&show_file=358326

or https://youtu.be/24OIIMU5D_o

OUR NEXT PRAYER DAY - Saturday, 18th May in the youth room. This is an opportunity to pray for God's guidance either individually or in small groups. Please speak to Joy if you want to book a slot.

WORD ON THE STREETS – If you would like to read their latest newsletter then click here. *Word on the Streets* is an organisation committed to evangelism. It's aimed at Christians who see themselves as transformational people. People on a mission who are committed to following Jesus' command go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age"(Matthew 28:19-20).
And that should be all of us!

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ABC NEWS



Sunday 12th May 2024

Series: Living Securely in an insecure world

"When the brook dries up"

1 Kings 17:5-24

Simon Downing

THIS WEEKEND'S WORSHIP SERVICE – Clive's band will be leading worship before Simon returns to our series entitled "Living in an insecure world" based on the life and times of Elijah as recorded in 1 Kings. This week we reach part 2 of the series when Simon's title is, "When the brook dries up". Sounds intriguing. As Simon was preparing for his talk, he got the feeling that his talk could be prophetic for a number of people within our congregation and this could be very important. Even more intriguing! So 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

BOLD WITNESS – ENCOURAGING EVERY BELIEVER TO EVANGELISE - Next Sunday we begin this new series in Matthew 28 where Jesus gives His disciples and all Christians that follow their instructions to go and make disciples of all nations. Now before you panic, in this series we not only want to emphasise the importance of this commission but to encourage you to see this as an opportunity to work with the Holy Spirit in sharing the good news that Jesus really is the Lord of creation. We want to make sharing the Gospel an enjoyable experience for you and those people you meet wherever that is. So do come and listen to what God has to say.

BOLD WITNESS – HOMEWORK – In preparation for this new series, during the coming week please make a list of four people you know that are not currently enjoying a relationship with God and then pray for them. They may be Christians that have pulled away from God. They may be Christians that are caught in legalism. They may be people who simply have no time for God. Whoever they are, pray that God will draw them towards Himself. The Bible says no one can come to Jesus unless the Father draws him (John 6:44). If you can't think of anyone, list 4 of your neighbours. This is step 1 on the road Jesus wants us all to travel. **So please take the first step**.

LAST CHANCE TO SUPPORT US - Along with two other nurses from Emergency Floor St Richards hospital will be running the Bognor 10k on 12th May in support of our fellow nurse who recently diagnosed and undergoing treatment for brain tumour. Please support if you can and share with others. God bless. You can donate by going to this webpage - Team fundraising for The Brain Tumour Charity . Thank you in advance. Shibali.

ADVANCE NOTICE - Our annual general meeting will take place on Thursday, July 25th at 7pm. As you know our diaconate has shrunk to 5 over the past year - and that means we are all getting very tired! Can you help? Is God calling you to join the team? Do you recognise gifts in other people that indicate that they might be suitable to share in the responsibility of guiding this church? If this rings a bell, then please talk to one of the deacons and we will tell you more!

This week, Arthur acknowledges that there will be times when you feel down, lonely and broken. But he also reminds us that when we do, we need to put our own pain to one side and refocus on the Cross – because that's where you will find the answer.

"He is never far from you"

When you go astray.
Feeling so lonely and lost.
Retrace your steps
And go back to the cross.

Yes the path is narrow,
So easy to slip and fall,
But remember how He suffered,
Who died to save us all

Sometimes when we feel far away
One thing I know is true.
You might feel far from Him,
But Jesus is never far from you.

So when you lose direction
Feeling so lonely and lost.
Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
And go back to the cross.

Arthur Magee

ONELIFE YOUTH WORKER GATHERING – Please pray for the Onelife youth worker gathering that is taking place on Tuesday at ST. Paul's in Hammersmith. This is a gathering together of Youth Workers from across the UK to encourage each other, hear from God and be inspired to raise a generation of young leaders for every sphere of society.

ONELIFE CHALLENGE 2024 - If you want to play your part in raising money for Onelife, why not get involved with this year's Onelife Challenge? They are taking on a whopping 25-mile sponsored hike along the Jurassic Coast to raise money for our work raising young leaders for every sphere of society. If you want to know more then do talk to John or Joy or look at the ONELIFE newsletter on the noticeboard.