… 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.

THANK YOU FOR BEING A BLESSING - This week we had a thank you letter from the Baptist Union for our donation through the Birthday scheme. You might like to know that our donation is supporting children with disabilities in Nepal. Their letter is on the notice board for you to read.

TALKING ABOUT JESUS – Our new sermon series on evangelism will now start on May 19th. In this series Jesus will be challenging all of us about our responsibilities to share the Good News with our friends and neighbours.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK – Yes, I know you have all heard this many times but it doesn't dimmish it's truth. This week, do ask yourself, "What can I do to support the Lord's work here at ABC?" Joy will be putting up a list of possibilities for you to consider – so watch out for this!

SHEILA SARGENT'S GRANDDAUGHTER NEEDS OUR PRAYERS – You may recall that sometime ago, Sheila asked us to pray for her granddaughter Lara. Lara would love to have some children but has medical problems that make this difficult. Please pray for God to move in this situation and remove the present obstacles, to give her peace of mind and to enable her to become a mum.

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 5th May 2024

Our Monthly Family Service

Weeds!

Matthew 13:24-30

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 13:24-30, where Jesus tells the parable of the weeds.

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 7th at 7.00 pm. Please do try to join us as we seek God's guidance in prayer.

ERNIE PUFFETT – Ernie's daughter would like to invite any former friends of Ernie to view the live webcast of his funeral service taking place at Eltham Crematorium on Friday, 10 May 2024 at 1:00pm. I will be sending out the log in details out through churchsuite together with details of the book of condolence. If any of you need further information then do contact

PLEASE 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.

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

This week, Arthur reminds us that there we live in a beautiful part of the world, where the countryside is near at hand. Do thank God for bringing us here to a beautiful place we can call home.

"Over the hill"

One summers day I walked
Over the hill,
Down to the meadow
So quiet and still.

In the distance I hear
The church bell,
Its glorious sound
Drifting across the dell.

I see the grass,
So fresh and green.
I hear the ripple
Of the gentle stream.

I walk for miles
Through the valleys and the hills
Across the fresh green fields.

Then I sit down to rest
As the sun sets slowly in the west.
Oh how this time has flown
So sad that it's time to go home

But it won't be long
Before I return to roam.
Over the hill
Down to that meadow
So quiet and still.

Arthur Magee

BEFRIENDING THE LONELY – Echoing Arthur's poem, we know of one particular lady who feels very lonely and simply has no friends or relatives. She would love to talk to someone, or simply text someone. It would make a lonely person very happy. Can you help? If you can then do talk to me as soon as possible.