… and finally

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!

John and Brenda need to be re-elected at the meeting but they will need to be proposed and seconded by church members – and that is the responsibility of the membership rather than the deacons. Nomination forms will be available at the back of the church or from Clive. New possible deacons will also need to be proposed and seconded.

FIRST RESPONDER – Simon will be acting as 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.

WE NEED YOUR PRAYERS – Mary Bullock is also is currently residing at the Royal Garden Hotel as she struggles to get over her recent infection. It was her 91st Birthday on Friday 31st May, so you may want to send her a belated birthday card. Peter Kaufman is back at home but still struggling to get over his recent illness. He has to rest a lot but Joyce feels he is beginning to get a little stronger and he evened started to do crosswords again. Joyce is also feeling extremely tired, so pray for them both. Malcom and Barbara still urgently need our prayers as Malcolm continues to struggle and Barbara is mentally and physically drained. Please pray for God's guidance as to the next steps they should take. Pray too for God's peace to descend on their home and that they feel His presence with them. t's been a difficult week for many of our congregation. Mavis continues to struggle and also needs our prayers. Please pray for healing, Mo also needs our prayers as she settles in at Westergate House Care Home, Fontwell.

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Sunday 2nd June 2024

Series: Family Worship Service

"The Kingdom of Heaven: Small Beginnings, Great Impact"

Matthew 13:31-35

Derek Robinson

THIS WEEKEND'S WORSHIP SERVICE – Clive's band will be leading worship at our monthly family service. Today we will be continuing to look at the parables of Jesus as recorded in Matthew 13. The theme of today's service is "The Kingdom of Heaven: Small Beginnings, Great Impact" and our reading comes from Matthew 13:31-35. In this reading Jesus' illustrates two profound truths about the kingdom of God. On a global scale, the kingdom of God started small—Jesus and His few disciples—but it has grown to encompass believers around the world. The growth of God's kingdom in Aldwick may seem slow at times, but it is powerful and inevitable. Today's service should encourage to share the Gospel with at least one other person, for how else will the Gospel will spread, if we remain silent?

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

BREAKFAST TIME – Today's service will also include Breakfast Time which is open to all ages from 9.30am. 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.

"EXCELLENCE IN SAFEGUARDING" TRAINING COURSE - Saturday 6th July - We are extremely grateful for all those who volunteer to help out with various activities in the church involving young people and vulnerable adults. In fact without you, we would not be in a position to provide these activities. That said we are, as a church, responsible for those in our charge and more so if we are involved directly with young people and adults who are particularly vulnerable.

To this end we are holding a training event in our church on Saturday 6th July. The day will be divided into morning and afternoon sessions providing training in Levels 2 and 3.

At the back of the church there are details of the course and information to help in deciding who will need to attend the training, whether for the whole day or half a day. Should you have any questions please see either John Smith or Bev McAlpine.

TODAY'S FLOWERS – The flowers today have been donated by Ronnie in loving memory of his mother June. Greatly missed but always remembered with much love X.

This week, Arthur brings us a poem that highlights many questions people ask – especially when things seem to be continually going wrong. Arthur's answer is that we should trust in Jesus even when we don't understand what is going on.

"The Life, the Truth and the Way"

Am I praying into thin air?
Is there anyone really there?
Am I lost in time and space.
In this pointless rat race?

Can it be true
What others say?
That all we know,
Will someday pass away?

When we see children dying
In the street
Others drowning in the sea,
Causing so much misery.

Yes I am praying into thin air.
Is there really someone there?
When I am asked these questions,
My answer is trust in Jesus,
When he said,
"I am the life, the truth and the way".

Arthur Magee

SEBA HOME MISSION FOCUS FOR MAY 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