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Vision: Loving God, Loving Each Other, Loving Lost People

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



Sunday 30th June 2024

Series: Living Securely in an insecure world

Elijah V – Defeating Discouragement

1 Kings 19

Simon Downing

THIS WEEKEND'S WORSHIP SERVICE – Clive's band will be leading worship before Simon returns to our series entitled "Living Securely in an insecure world" Today we reach part five of the series as we are reminded that after experiencing spiritual highs we are often brought down to earth with a bang. This was certainly the case for Elijah who is in panic mode as he flees for his life – but despite Elijah thinking he had been abandoned by God he finally realises this isn't the case. God's promise for each of us as believers that whatever it may feel like, He is always there.

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

LOVE ALDWICK SUMMER SPECIAL IN THE NEWS – Did you see the article in Bognor Regis Observer (June 27th) about our summer treasure hunt & cream tea event on 15th June? If not then check it out on the noticeboard.

AN INVITATION FROM SOUTHBOUNE FREE CHURCH - Do come an join us on 169th anniversary weekend. On Saturday 6th July the Reverend Paul Gough will be leading our music concert at 3pm. This will be followed by a cream team, On Sunday 7th July there will be a celebratory service starting at 10.30am followed by refreshments. If you want to know more then do concert their minister Paul Cox on 07982803620.

THE GENERAL ELECTION – Just in case you needed reminding, the General Election will be taking place on Thursday 4th July. As our hall is being used as a voting station, the whole of the Johnson Hall complex will be out of bounds for any other activity.

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!

ONELIFE CHALLENGE 2024 - Later this month the ONELIFE team will be setting off on our most ambitious Onelife Challenge to date – a 25-mile hike along the south coast of England! Although we already support Onelife with an annual donation perhaps some of you would like to sponsor the team now on JustGiving – we'd really appreciate your support. Click here or go to https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/onelifechallenge2024 to find out more.

It's still not too late to join the team – head to our website for all the details and to sign up: onelifeleaders.com/challenge. Talk to John and Joy if you want more information.

This week's poem

This week, Arthur reminds us of Jesus' amazing love for us that will never end. He is always there even when we make poor decisions.

"Oh what love"

Jesus did not say it would be easy,
But you know He is by your side.
He did not say you will always find the way,
But you know He will be your guide.

There will be times
When you feel in despair.
But you know in the end
He will always be there.

We have free will to choose
The path we take.
And many times
We will make a mistake.

We are only human.
Our flesh is weak.
But He is our shepherd,
And we are His sheep.

Yes, Jesus didn't say it would be easy,
Many times we will slip and fall.
But Oh what love,
That He died to save us all.

Arthur Magee

MONTHLY FAMILY PRAYER GATHERING - We will be meeting for prayer on Tuesday at 7pm in the church. Please do join us as we seek God's direction for the church.

SEBA HOME MISSION FOCUS FOR JUNE 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 Good News where their Minister is Revd. Neil Hilton To view the video click on one of the following links.

https://www.seba-baptist.org.uk/?show_media=324719&show_file=360940

… and finally

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.

DAVID AND THE DENTIST - Good news David's tooth extraction went will and he would like to thank you for your prayers. Of course, he still has further dental work to come, so do keep him in your prayers.

EMILY BROWN – Emily has finally moved into her new bungalow even though the upgrades aren't quite finished. Her new address is 51 Furze Lane, Godalming, Surrey. GU7 3NP. Tel. 01483 976285. She sends her love to you all.

WE NEED YOUR PRAYERS – As I write this we have 4 of our members in ST Richard's Hospital, all of whom need your prayers. Mary Bullock had a fall on over the weekend and broke her hip and the top of her femur. Please pray for pain relief, clarity of mind and healing.

Mavis remains very poorly and Wendy is still exhausted. So do pray for peace of mind and for the decisions that have to be made about Mavis' ongoing care.

Malcolm was taken into St. Richards on Wednesday as he could hardly talk or stand and kept twitching. He has had extensive tests but as yet nothing has come to light. Please pray for a correct diagnosis and treatment. Pray too for Barbara who is exhausted. The family have decided Malcolm won't remain at Aldersmead but instead move to Nyton House in Westergate when he leaves hospital as they offer more specialist care.

Ian Surrell was rushed to St. Richard s on Monday with a reoccurrence of his breathing problems. They have found a large amount of fluid on his lungs which they are trying to remove. Please prayer for successful treatment and a speedy recovery.

Margaret Beckett needs your prayers as she awaits an appointment for a hip replacement. As she has already been waiting quite a long time, please do pray for an appointment to be made soon. Pray too for peace of mind and pain relief.

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