… and finally

FIRST RESPONDER – As Simon will be taking his annual break towards the end of this week, I will be acting as first responder for a while, so do contact me in the case of emergencies. For less urgent problems, please use our pastoral care system by contacting your pastoral group coordinator.

MAVIS EEDE – Mavis died on Friday morning at home after her recent illness. Please thank the Lord for Mavis' life, her lovely smile and her never ending encouragement to us all. Please pray for Wendy who is exhausted emotionally and physically after taking care of her mum round the clock for the past few weeks. Take God too for Biddy who shared in Mavis' care whist Wendy tried to get a few hours sleep. We will share the details for Mavis' funeral as soon as they become available.

WE NEED YOUR PRAYERS –Mary Bullock seems to moving relatively well after her operation and is settling in at Arun Lodge. Please pray for our 4 residents of Arun Lodge Kay Tucker, Val Colette and Pam McLaren. Please do pray for them all as they are all struggling at present. Please too pray for the staff there who are doing their best in very difficult circumstances. Malcolm is now a resident at Nyton House in Westergate which provides specialist care. Barbara reports that Malcolm seems more relaxed there, even eating well and putting on some weight. But Barbara wishes that Malcolm would walk in the grounds as he needs more fresh air. Please pray for ongoing comfort, an interest in going outside, peace of mind and healing. Pray too for Barbara as they both settle into this new routine. Please pray to for Mo Howland who is at Westergate Care Home, Denman's Lane. Westergate. Ian Surrell is still getting regular check ups at the hospital but he says he feels quite well most of the time. Unfortunately his heart problems mean he gets out of breath very quickly and has to take life one step at a time. Do thank God for Ian's positive attitude to life and his willingness to help others! Do also pray for Ian's ongoing health issues and peace of mind.

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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ABC NEWS



Sunday 21st July 2024

Compassion

Ian Childs – Compassion UK

Luke 7:11-15

THIS WEEKEND'S WORSHIP SERVICE – Simon's band will be leading worship at as we welcome Ian Childs from Compassion UK who will be bringing God's word to us as well as updating us on their work. Compassion UK is a Christian child development charity, working in partnership with local churches to release children from poverty in Jesus' name. Their approach to fighting poverty is highly focused and personal. They show every child that they matter, linking them with one sponsor whose support gives them hope and a future. You can find out more about Compassion UK by going to their website at https://www.compassionuk.org/

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 SUNDAY – Clive will be bringing God's word to us as we reach part VI of our series "Living Securely in an insecure world". The title of Clive's talk is "Blood in the Vineyard" based on 1 Kings 21. It might be a good idea to read the passage before next Sunday as it is contains some very difficult events. This service will also include communion.

ARE YOU A QUALIFIED FIRST AIDER? – If you are and if you are willing to be available on occasions or if you are a church members who might be willing to train then please speak to Clive about this as soon as possible. Our objective is to try and have a nominated first aider at every major church gathering. John will then update the Safety Notice Board in the Foyer.

A MESSAGE FROM EMILY - "I'm off to Kenya again on 27th July. Please keep me in your prayers as I take on this trip. I want to say a massive thank you to everyone who has contributed to my fundraising – it is greatly appreciated. Thank you too for all of your encouragement. Thank you! Emily"

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DOWNING FAMILY - Please do pray for Simon and the family as they take a well-deserved break from everyday life at ABC. Pray for peace of mind, an ability to relax and for a time of refreshment. Pray too for protection for Emily on her visit to Kenya.

AGM ON THURSDAY - Our annual general meeting will take place on Thursday, July 25th at 7pm. Agendas are available at the back of the church. Please make every effort to attend,

PREACHING TEAM - This weekend I will be preaching at Southbourne Free Church as we continue to support Paul in his ministry there. Please do pray for Paul, his wife Veronica and the membership there. Please pray too as I deliver what might be a difficult message for some to hear.

This week, Arthur returns to last week's theme as he reminds us that no matter how black things might appear, there is a way out. Turn to Jesus, His light is always there.

"His Light"

When you are walking
in the darkness.
And it seems that day is night
Lean on His everlasting night.

Sometimes the path is very steep
In those valleys of despair.
But through it all,
He shows me the way.
His Light is always there.

The storms of life rage around me
Wars and conflict everywhere
But He guides my path
He is my hope.
Yes, His light is always there.

The light seems so much brighter now
The path is near its end.
Oh, what joy to be in the light
Forever more
My Lord, my life, my friend.

Arthur Magee

SEBA HOME MISSION FOCUS FOR JULY 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 Life Community Baptist Church, Horsham where their Minister is Revd. Pete Dibden

The Link for the video …. on the SEBA Web Site is https://www.seba-baptist.org.uk/?show_media=326031&show_file=362601

Or the YouTube Link is https://youtu.be/2ZFxCZbF-6c