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 – David's next appointment with the dentist is the 11th July when he is expecting to have 2 fillings. David would like to thank you for your prayers and us all to go on praying for a successful pain free outcome

WE NEED YOUR PRAYERS – As I write this we have had some good news. Ian Surrell is back at home having had the excess fluid on his lungs removed. He is very tired and still in need of our prayers. Mavis is also back at home but very weak and very tired. Please pray for peace of mind. Please pray too for Wendy who is constantly by her mum's side and on call. She is feeling very tired and concerned for her mum. Mary Bullock is still in hospital after her recent fall but may be released soon. Please pray for wisdom for the doctors, peace of mind and pain relief for Mary. Please pray too for clear thinking about the best place for Mary to recuperate. broke her hip and the top of her femur. Malcolm is now out of hospital and is resident at Nyton House in Westergate Which provides specialist care. Barbara reports that Malcolm seems much more relaxed there and even ate a huge breakfast. Please pray for ongoing comfort, peace of mind and healing. Pray too for Barbara as they both settle into this new routine.

Please pray too for Val Collette, Pam McLaren and Kay Tucker all of whom are struggling at the moment. Pray too for the staff at Arun Lodge who do an excellent job in very demanding circumstances.

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 7th July 2024

Series: Family Worship Service

"The Kingdom of Heaven: The Net"

Matthew 13:47-50

Simon Downing

THIS WEEKEND'S WORSHIP SERVICE – Simon'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: The Net" and our reading comes from Matthew 13:47-50. The stark message revealed in this parable is that in the end, the true nature of our hearts will be revealed as God separates the wheat from the weeds. His justice will prevail, and the righteous will shine in His kingdom while the evildoers face their due judgment. This is why evangelism is so crucial: we are called to spread the message of God's love and redemption, offering everyone the chance to be part of the harvest of righteousness and avoid the fate 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

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.

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"

COMING SOON - 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!

A PRAYER FOR OUR NEW GOVERNMENT – They will certainly need it!
Heavenly Father, we lift up to you our newly elected leaders and government officials. Grant them wisdom, integrity, and a spirit of service as they undertake their duties. May they be guided by a commitment to the common good, justice, and the welfare of all citizens.
May they govern with compassion, humility, and a deep sense of responsibility towards the most vulnerable and marginalised in our society.
In Jesus' name, Amen

This week, Arthur reminds us of God's amazing creation, visible to all if only people opened their eyes to the wonder all around them.

"I see"

I see God's face
In a beautiful day.
I see His joy
In a child at play.

I see His wonder
In the stars at night.
I see His freedom
In the birds in flight.

I see His love
In a mother's eyes
When her new
born baby cries.

I see His beauty
In a kingfisher's wings.
I feel His peace
When the blackbird sings.

How my heart sings
When I see all these things.
The wonder of God's creation
Simply beyond imagination.

Arthur Magee

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 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