… and finally

FIRST RESPONDER – As Simon is now back from his break, he will be acting as first responder, so do contact him in the case of emergencies. But please remember Simon will be on a reduced workload for the rest of this month as he prepares for a busy autumn. For less urgent problems, please use our pastoral care system by contacting your pastoral group coordinator.

MAVIS EEDE – For anyone who missed Mavis' farewell service here just over a week ago, it is now available through our YouTube channel by clicking here or by going to https://youtu.be/oplc4pWPLNk

MARION BRYANT – I have spoken to Marion today (Friday) and she is absolutely buzzing with joy and a new found energy after her recent heart operation. She is having to restrain herself from doing anything strenuous as she is till meant to be having total rest. Her next appointment at the hospital is on Thursday, 29th August, so do continue to pray for her and for Bill who has some health issues of his own. Marion tells me she is constantly praising the Lord for the wonderful care she has experienced at both Chichester and Brighton hospitals and wants to thank you for your prayers.

MALCOLM FARRINGTON – Barbara reports that Malcolm is quite content living at Nyton House and has settled down well. He seems to be aware of what is going on there and is enjoying the new air conditioning and the food! Please do continue to pray for him and for Barbara as she adjusts to this new arrangement.

WE NEED YOUR PRAYERS –Please pray for our 4 residents of Arun Lodge Mary Bullock, 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. Please pray too for Mo Howland who is at Westergate Care Home, Denman's Lane. Westergate. Please do pray too for Pam Ryan at Arondel Cottage Care home as she feels cut off from us all. Please pray too for Margaret Beckett who is in a lot of pain and faces a long wait before her necessary operation.

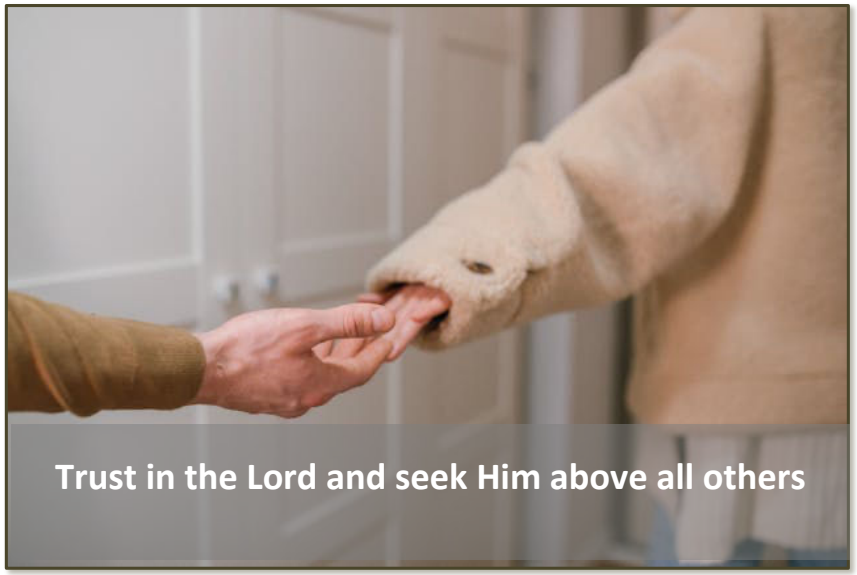
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ABC NEWS



Sunday 18th August 2024

Series: Living Securely in an insecure world

Elijah VII - When Mockers Speak

2 Kings 1

David Howling

THIS WEEKEND'S WORSHIP SERVICE – Simon returns today from his break and will be leading worship with Band 2. We also welcome another familiar face as our guest speaker is Rev. David Howling who will be bringing God's word to us as we continue with our series "Living Securely in an insecure world." Today we reach part 7 of our 8 part series as David talk's is entitled "When mockers speak" based on 2 Kings 1. You may find it helpful to read this passage before the service and decide how this might apply to us. You won't want to miss it! This service will also include communion.

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

A SHORT INSPIRING WORD - A man once planted a small seed in his garden, not expecting much from it. Day after day, he watered and cared for it. To his surprise, the seed grew into a beautiful, towering tree that provided shade, fruit, and shelter for many. Just as that small seed became something extraordinary, God can take the smallest acts of faith and turn them into something far greater than we can imagine. Never underestimate the power of what God can do with even the smallest step of faith.

SBA HOME MISSION FOCUS FOR AUGUST 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 the Bread of Life Project, in Strood, Kent, where their Minister is Revd. John Western. This is a longer video than normal - just under 13 minutes,

The Link for the video …. on the SEBA Web Site - https://www.seba-baptist.org.uk/Articles/635211/Bread_of_Life.aspx

YouTube Link - https://youtu.be/P9lxA2MYjuw

NEXT WEEKEND'S WORSHIP SERVICE 25th August – Simon will again be leading worship but this time with Band 1. I will be bringing God's word to as we reach the conclusion of our series, "Living Securely in an insecure world." In this talk I will be highlighting 4 specific messages from this series that we need to turn into action. Do make every effort to join us.

ADVANCE NOTICE – There will be a baptismal service here on Sunday 13th October. Baptism is a beautiful step of obedience and a public declaration of your faith in Jesus Christ. If you haven't yet taken this important step, we encourage you to consider being baptised as a powerful expression of your commitment to follow Him and be part of His family. We believe that there are people within our congregation who have been thinking about this for a while – so now is the time to stop thinking and take the plunge! Talk to me if you want to know more. Derek

This week Arthur reminds us that in the struggles of daily life, even when everything and everybody seems to be against you, the Lord gives us the strength to go on with the promise of a glorious future to come.

"In your strength Lord"

As I struggled up
life's mountain track.
The heavy rain and wind
Pushed me back.

The track was
so hard to bear
But it seemed
a light was always there.

Sometimes I fell
in stress and pain.
But I soldiered on
And got up again.

Then at last
I saw the peak.
So overwhelmed
I could hardly speak.

Yes that light
Had seen me through.
And as I surveyed
that glorious view,
Lord I knew my strength
had come from you.

Arthur Magee

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.