… and finally

FIRST RESPONDER – As Simon is now on an extended break, I will be acting as first responder, so please don't try to contact him, instead contact me in the case of emergencies.. For less urgent problems, please use our pastoral care system by contacting your pastoral group coordinator.

MOLLY HAWKINS – Molly is currently in Ford Ward at St. Richard's Hospital. I have been to see her twice this week and would like you to know that she urgently needs your prayers. She is in a lot of pain in her lower back and the doctor's think she has some sort of infection. The doctors would like to do an MRI scan but as yet this is too painful for Molly. She is getting lots of pain relief and is on a course of antibiotics. Molly puts a brave face on her pain and wanted to know how you are all getting on. She thanks you for your prayers.

SEBA 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 Yalding Baptist church, Kent, where their Pastor is James Bushnell.

The Link for the video …. on the SEBA Web Site - https://www.seba-baptist.org.uk/?show_media=328280&show_file=365437

YouTube Link - https://youtu.be/k3nnxO84Quo

ADVANCE NOTICE – There will be a baptismal service here on Sunday 13th October. So if you 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.

WE NEED YOUR PRAYERS –Please do continue to pray Hazel Bell following her recent operation. Pray too for Arthur Magee who is waiting for an operation. Continue to pray for Mary Bullock, Kay Tucker, Val Colette and Pam McLaren at Arun Lodge, 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 1st September 2024

Our monthly family service

Adventures in Africa

Luke 8:16-18

Emily Downing

THIS WEEKEND'S FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE – John with the help Band 2 will be leading worship although without Simon of course. The rest of the service will be given over to Emily as she tells us of her recent trip to Kenya. Emily went under the auspices of "African Adventures" who work with 29 schools in developing areas of Ghana, Kenya and Zanzibar, and organise life-changing group volunteer trips for people of all ages. If you want to know more then take a look at their website by going to https://www.africanadventures.co.uk/ . I know this trip was very significant for Emily, so don't miss what she has to say to us on Sunday. 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. This service will 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.

AN IMPORTANT REMINDER – Our minister Simon is currently taking an extended leave on medical advice to focus on his health and well-being. During this time, he will be completely off-duty and not involved in any church activities. We ask for your prayers for Simon and his family during this period of rest and recovery. **Please do not try to contact Simon by phone or email** as he needs a complete break. In his absence, pastoral matters will be handled by our leadership team. Rest assured, we will keep the congregation informed as we continue to support Simon and his family through this journey.

NEXT WEEKEND'S WORSHIP SERVICE 8th September – Clive's band will be leading worship and I will be bringing our series "Bold Witness - Empowering Every Believer to Evangelise" to a close. The title of the final talk is entitled "Bold and Unashamed Witnesses" based around two Bible readings from Acts 5:17-32 and Romans 1:14-16. This talk will be intentionally challenging – so don't miss it!

LOVE ALDWICK - INTERNATIONAL QUIZ-INE NIGHT CMING VERY SOON - As we begin a new series of Love Aldwick activities, we are pleased to let you know that our very popular Autumn International Cuisine evening and Quiz Night will take place again on September 28th 2024 at 19.00.
Please would you book in by email or text asap since this is always a well-attended night with limited places available. The entry is free but we would like to encourage you to consider a donation to the Bognor foodbank to help those who are currently in need. We look forward to seeing you on the night. book your place by emailing secretary@aldwickbaptist.co.uk or by text to 07951 985432

This week's poem

When we get to a certain age, I'm afraid we start losing loved ones and friends along the way. One of my best friends had a habit of always saying, "See you later", when he said goodbye. So I wrote this poem in his memory called "See you later".

"See You Later"

Goodbye my friend,
I will see you later.
It's been great to know you all the years
All the happy days – but sometimes tears.

Goodbye my friend,
It's been a privilege
to share all those times along the way.
So much more I would like to say.

Goodbye my old friend,
I will see you later.
In that place away from space and time
Where love will rule forever
And God's light will always shine.

Yes in that place
Away from sorrow and pain.
Where we will never say goodbye again.
Goodbye my friend for now'
I will see you later.

Arthur Magee

JOHN AND HAZEL ARE MOVING HOUSE - on the 5th September. Their contact number will be 07506035363 and their address is,
54,Carlton Avenue, Rose Green PO213LP.

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.