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.

BMS NEWS - Carlos Tique Jones' work with CBM, (Mozambique Baptist Convention) as a trainer in project management, helping business owners, church leaders and young people, has changed many lives, but sadly BMS will be ending their work in Mozambique. This is because they have been unable to send funding to CBM for more than a year because CBM,- the Mozambican Baptist Convention-, have not passed financial due diligence checks, which means that for Carlos, despite his continuing to work hard and having done an amazing job even with no grant funding, in future he would face having less of both impact and sustainability if he were to continue.. (He had shared stories of 25 new believers being baptized on Palm Sunday).

The hope is that the impact of his work with many agricultural projects will continue for years to come, like for a lady called Lucia with seven children who is enjoying the fruit from ten trees she received as saplings. Carlos appreciates all the support he has received in the development ministry he has been part of and which has spurred him on, but now needs to stop as he faces upcoming treatment for health problems and BMS will aim to support him as best they can during this time. BMS encourages us to prayerfully consider helping one of their other mission workers with prayer and support.

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

ABC NEWS



Sunday 25th August 2024

Series: Living Securely in an insecure world

Elijah VIII – Heaven without dying

2 Kings 2:1-14

Derek Robinson

THIS WEEKEND'S WORSHIP SERVICE – Band 4 will be leading worship today with a little help from me. I will also 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.

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

AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT – Our minister Simon will be 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 1st September - This 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. Next week's service will be built around Emily's recent trip to Kenya. So don't miss it!

A MESSAGE FROM THE BAPTIST UNION –In recent years, the weather in summer has made me wonder about our climate and our care for God's creation. Yesterday, I drove through heavy flash flooding immediately after leaving the office yet found clear skies and 28 degree heat when I reached home. I find reassurance in Psalm 74:17 "It was you who set all the boundaries of the earth; you made both summer and winter." And Genesis 8:22 "While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease."
God bless you all. Chris Jones -Support Services Team Leader

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.

This week Arthur reminds us that every new day is a wonderful gift from God. He urges to stop and absorb the beauty of God's wonderful creation.

"New Day"

In the clear of a still summer morning,
When the sun is beginning to shine.
When the birds are singing
It's another new day
In life's precious time.

In the clear of a still summer morning,
We pause and haver time to reflect.
That we are part of creation
Oh what a privilege,
What a prospect.

In the clear of a still summer morning,
The stars slowly fading away.
We feel the hand of God
To guide us
Through another day.

Arthur Magee

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

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