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.

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. Simon and his doctors recently reviewed his situation and decided that he is still not fit to return. Simon has sent out an email explaining his current situation and he asks you to read it carefully and then to pray for healing and peace of mind for him and the family. A copy of this email is included with this news sheet. **Please do not try to contact Simon by phone or email** as he needs a complete break. Nicky would also appreciate it if we didn't keep asking her for updates as she has nothing to add to Simon's email at present. We will keep you updated as we receive any updates. In his absence, pastoral matters will be handled by our leadership team.

MOLLY HAWKINS – Molly has left hospital and her prayers have been answered. Molly has found a new care home in Bognor Regis. Her current residence is Room 33, Burlington Nursing Home, 111 Victoria Dr, Bognor Regis PO21 2DZ

Phone: 01243 821446. Please pray that Molly settles in and that will soon be able to return to church on Sunday.

SEBA HOME MISSION FOCUS FOR OCTOBER 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 Pulborough Brooks Baptist church, Kent, where their minister is Revd. Judith Ellis.

The Link for the video …. on the SEBA Web Site - https://www.seba-baptist.org.uk/?show_media=330454&show_file=369670

YouTube Link - https://youtu.be/lkoFWPSS_5U

WE NEED YOUR PRAYERS –Please do pray for Barbara Farrington and her family, for Nan Everett, for Jon and Michelle Crane. Pray too for Marion Bryant, Arthur Magee and Hazel Bell. Do 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 as she continues he long wait before her necessary operation.

IF YOU NEED HELP? – Do contact one of the leadership team. Clive (01243 930756), Brenda (01243 265984), John or Joy (01243 837181) or Derek (075994 73691).

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

ABC NEWS



Sunday 20th October 2024

Series: Hope, Holiness and Honour II

Called to be holy

I Peter 1:13 – 2:3

Clive Bennett

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE – Joy's band will be leading worship this weekend before Clive brings us God's word. Clive will be returning to our series "Living as Exiles - Hope, Holiness and Honour". This the second in our series based on 1 Peter. The title of his talk "Called to be Holy" based on 1 Peter 1:13-23. Now sounds like a major challenge to the way we live. I am looking forward to what Clive has to say on what holiness means in terms of the way we live, think and react in difficult circumstances. It might help you if you read the passage before we meet up on Sunday. 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.

TODAY IS ALSO SERVING SUNDAY & SERVING MINISTRIES BOARD – A few weeks ago we suggested that we not be asking what God can do for us but rather asking what we can do for God. Today Joy will be asking you to make this a reality.

LAST SUNDAY – Many of you have told me how moving you found the testimonies of Chris, Rosanne and Jaycee at our Baptismal service. Please do pray for each one of them over the next weeks as they continue on their spiritual journeys. It was certainly a special occasion for all of us and we are already looking ahead to another baptismal service possibly in February. Believer's baptism is a very special moment on the journey of faith. It is a moment when God's presence and blessing meets us, and when we make our personal commitment of faith in Jesus as Lord. It signifies the end of our old life and of being born again to new life in Christ. Normally taking place by full immersion in water, it speaks of repentance and cleansing, of being united with Christ in his death and resurrection, and of witnessing to the call of God upon our lives. Baptism is also about receiving God's Spirit for service in the church and in the world. Let me ask you, if you haven't been baptised as a believer, what is stopping you? If you want to know more, then talk to me or one of the deacons. It's never too late to obey Jesus' direct command to us

MALCOM FARRINGTON – Malcolm's cremation will take place at Chichester Crematorium on Wednesday, October 23rd at 11.30am. This is for the family and for anyone who would like come This will be followed by a thanksgiving service of Malcolm's life here at ABC. This will be followed by refreshments in the hall.

YOUR HARVEST DONATIONS – Thank you for your support! In addition to the fantastic food donations you made 2 weeks ago, we were able to donate £277.69 to Bognor Regis Foodbank from the cash donations made at the International Quiz- ine evening. You have certainly made life a little bit easier for a few of the many families who rely on the foodbank to survive.

This week Arthur reminds us that life is a wonderful gift from God. Look around and see the wonders of His creation.

"The Gift of Life"

As I climb the hill
Early in the morning
When it's peaceful and still.
I make time to pause and reflect
Away from the problems of life
Away from the worry and strife.

Sometimes we need to say, "Stop"
And leave the rat race behind.
To look to the future,
To find peace of mind.

So many questions to ponder
As we go our way.
Some we can never answer.
The only answer we find
Is to stop and pray.

As I come to the top of the hill,
The sunrise reflecting its golden light
As it says farewell to the night.
I hear the blackbird sing his song of joy.
Then suddenly my spirits lift.
Thank you Lord for this wonderful gift.
To be free, to be able to see.

Arthur Magee

NEXT SUNDAY – We will return to our series "Living out our faith". The title of my talk next week will be "Faith in the midst of trials" based on Luke 12:22-34.

BRENDA IS ON THE MEND – Good news Brenda is on the road to recovery. Do praise the Lord!

VIVIENNE NEWMAN – We would like to wish Vivienne a big happy birthday as she reaches 90 years of age this weekend.

ROSANNE GOULD – Thank you all for the cards and gifts on my birthday. Rosanne.