

# ABC NEWS

ldwick baptist church



**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2022**

**Series: Tough Subjects**

**“What happens when you die?”**

**1 Corinthians 15:54-57**

**Simon Downing**

**TODAY'S SERVICE** – This weekend, we will be continuing with our series on ‘Tough subjects’ as Simon asks the question, ‘What happens when we die?’ – the main text will be 1 Corinthians 15v54-55. This, of course, is a question that we all have all probably asked ourselves many times over. Many people do, and many Christian people do! Lots of people, of course, will give the stock answer of heaven or hell, and whilst that is *ultimately* correct, there is a little more to it than that – hence this talk!

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 this service from 10.30am by going to: <http://www.aldwickbaptist.co.uk/category/current-sermons>

**CHURCH MEETING** – Our Autumn Church Family meeting will be held following our worship service today (October 23<sup>rd</sup>) as was agreed at an earlier church meeting.

**TODAY'S FLOWERS** – “This week's flowers are donated by Jan Johnson in memory of her dear husband Norman who died one year ago this month.” Jan Johnson.

**THANK YOU** – Rosanne would like to thank you all for the presents, cards, texts and phone calls she received on her birthday last Monday.

**A BIG THANK YOU** - Jan Harris is now feeling much better and would like to thank everyone whose been praying for her.

**SHOEBOX APPEAL** – Thank you for your support so far. Just a quick reminder that the last Sunday in October is the final date to return the shoeboxes. So there is just one week left! Brenda

**THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS** – According to my list we do not have any birthdays this week – but, of course, my list may be incorrect! So, if you want to be included in our birthday list, and receive a celebratory slot in the news sheet, please contact Lynne Allard (265360). If you want details of the BMS birthday scheme, then please contact Brenda.

**HOMEGROUPS** – There are currently six homegroups, five of which run in the afternoon and one in the evening. Details of these homegroups are on the noticeboard. We would like to start at least one other evening homegroup as we already of several people who would like to attend. We would need a co-leader, so if you feel God is calling you, do let me know. If you want to join a homegroup, afternoon or evening, just let me know and we try to accommodate you. Derek

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ERNIE PAYNE** - Helen tells me that Ernie Payne isn't feeling too well at present, so please do pray for the Lord to lift Ernie's spirits and for a return to good health.

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## THIS WEEK'S POEM

This week Arthur reminds us of the joy of being able to see the wonders of God's creation, day after day.

### TO BE ABLE TO SEE

As I climbed the top of the hill,  
early in the morning  
when it's peaceful and still.  
I have time to pause and reflect,  
away from the hustle and bustle of life,  
away from the worry and strife.  
Sometimes we need to stop  
and leave the right race behind.  
To consider the past and look to the future  
to find peace of mind.  
So many questions to ask as we go on our way  
Some we can never answer,  
the only answer is to pray.  
As I come to the top of the hill,  
the sunrise reflecting its golden light  
as it says farewell to the night.  
The Blackbird sings its song of Joy  
then suddenly my spirits lift.  
I thank you Lord for this wonderful gift  
The gift of being alive to be free  
to be able to see

Arthur Magee

**A SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST** - As many of you know my son David heads up the Andean Medical Mission. Right at this moment his team of ophthalmic surgeons are engaged in operating on Bolivians who are infected with diseases caused by the insects common to wet, jungle conditions. David's team has just been joined by his nephew Simon Howling, who is called by the Lord to a church youth program also in the jungle lowlands. For a short time Simon is helping the international team as translator. Of the most recent success stories is a 5 year old blind boy who can now see again. Please pray for the patients being selected for operations a number of whom are believers. God does answer prayer. Brian Goldsmith.

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## ... and finally

**BAPTISMAL SERVICE** – Good news, we are planning to hold a baptismal service early in the new year. Jesus commanded His disciples “to go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” If you haven't been baptised as an adult, then do ask yourself, “Why not?” If you want to know more then please speak to Simon soon.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR DAVID HANCHARD** - David is struggling at present and despite changes to his medication, he isn't feeling any better. This has left him in a dark negative state about everything and everyone. Please pray for peace of mind and God's healing touch.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR SANDRA FIELD** – You may recall that a few weeks ago we asked you to pray for Sandra Filed as the pain in her back was very debilitating. At the time she was waiting to have an ultrasound guided injection in the hope that it would relieve the pain. Sandra would very much appreciate our prayers as the ultrasound guided injection did not work. She is now waiting for an appointment with a specialist spinal surgeon to see if anything can be done. At this point in time it is very painful as no pain tablets are working.

**MORE PRAYER POINTERS** - Joyce Kaufman still feels very tender but is slowly improving. Simon also asks us not to forget Pam Brown who seems very confused at present as well as struggling with her memory. Please pray for peace in her mind. Please also pray for Janet Cartwright, as she continues with her recovery. Pray too for others in the congregation who need prayer and for Diane, Simon's mum.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR IAN SORELL** – Ian is back at home but still needs our prayers. Simon visited him this week and found to be in good spirits. I am sure, it would be a great comfort to Ian if we all made a big effort to sort out our change and put it in the ‘Well of Hope’ collection point. The Well of Hope always supports people in need and makes generous gifts at Christmas.

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