

## A Raptist hurch NEWS



Sunday 27th November 2022

The continuous oil of Holy Spirit - Marker One

Zechariah 4:1-6, 11-14

**Simon Downing** 

**TODAY'S SERVICE** - This Sunday Simon moves away from his planned topic as he believes that he has been led prophetically, to talk about Zechariah 4v1-16, 11-14. Simon believes that this change today, will be important for us.

Zechariah was both a priest and a prophet and was given some amazing prophetic words to say! Zechariah was also a contemporary to the prophet Haggai and his book was written at the time when God wanted to restore his people - simply, at the time his people were taken back to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple. So, what did God tell Zechariah specifically, through chapter 4v1-6 and 11-14 and why are they so relevant to us today? Intrigued? Then don't miss this service.

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: <a href="http://www.aldwickbaptist.co.uk/category/current-sermons">http://www.aldwickbaptist.co.uk/category/current-sermons</a>

**TODAY MARKS TO BEGINNING OF ADVENT** – Advent is a time of reflective preparation for the birth of Jesus at Christmas and the expected return of Christ in the Second Coming. Don't keep this message to yourself but tell everyone Jesus is coming back!

**LADIES CHRISTMAS CRAFT EVENING** – A chance to make some Christmas gifts and decorations as well as a night out with your friends at the church. Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> December at 7.15pm. It costs £3 and you will need to book through Nicky as this event is always very popular. Contact Nicky on 07943537785.

SUPPORTING EMILY - I'm going to be designing and selling calendars for 2023. The money raised from these is going towards my fundraising for volunteering in a Kenyan school in July 2023. The children there, live in chronic social deprivation and some live on a rubbish dump. My hope is that I'll be able to impact their lives in a positive way, and I'm sure they will impact my life as well! The calendar pictures will be based on this local area, from photos from my photography A' level. This will enable us to celebrate the wonderful area in which we live, and at the same time give to a good cause. I would be very grateful if you could let me know if you're interested in a calendar, so I have some idea of how many to order. Please text me 07960 414 679 or email me on <a href="mailydowning4@icloud.com">mailydowning4@icloud.com</a>. You have been so generous to me in the past and I hope you'll be able to support me in this. I am so very grateful to all of you! Love, Emily.

**DON'T SPEND CHRISTMAS ALONE** – Sue and Kerry will be organising another free Christmas meal this year at the Newell Centre Chichester starting at 12noon on Christmas Day. Transfer can be arranged and we can also deliver Christmas lunch for those who would prefer this. If you are interested then do contact Sue or Kerry.

This week Arthur has a vision of heaven where we will be with Jesus forever.

## To be with Jesus forever

I have a vision of heaven.
A glorious place to be.
Oh, what wonders we will see.
No more pain, no more fear,
No more temptation.
Just beautiful music and singing
beyond our imagination.
Yes, I have a vision of heaven
no words can really express.
To be with Jesus forever.
Oh, what joy,
forever complete happiness,

Arthur Magee

**DONATING FLOWERS** - If anyone would like to mark a special date during next year by donating money for the flowers in Church, please contact Brenda. Not only do the weekly flowers look good, they provide a valuable service, being distributed each week to anyone who is housebound, recovering from an illness or in need of cheering up! They always bring much pleasure to the recipients. So please, sign up for the year ahead.

**FESTIVE CHARITY CONCERT** - Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 7.30pm at South Bersted Church. A wonderful evening of entertainment, with a Christmas message and heart- warming news about 2 local charities, CAP and Bognor Regis Foodbank. The entertainment is provided by the Bognor Regis Concert Band and the Regis Jazz Band. For further details go to https://www.southbersted.org.uk/festivecharityconcert.htm

**CHILVERS** - Summary of news from Brian and Jackie Chilvers, our BMS link missionaries in Guinebor 2 Hospital in Chad, were encouraged that a lady visitor, probably a Muslim, wanted them to know that the news about the hospital has spread far and wide. However, work there is not easy as Chad is now 2<sup>nd</sup> from the bottom on the human development index. Strife and killings have resulted from the delay in elections for a proper government, and a better health and education system is needed. The roads have dried up now after the floods but rivers continue to rise and several staff have had their homes flooded and damaged, some with 4 feet of water inside. Malaria, especially in children, is an emotional drain, as is malnutrition. One new staff member is being trained in skills such as malnutrition and vaccination. Barbara.

**FIRST RESPONER** - As Simon is currently having to curtail his movement and, as he is still waiting for his scan, I will be acting as first responder for the time being. Please contact me if you have any prayer requests or need of care. Derek.

**PREACHING TEAM** – Molly Hawkins and I will be preaching at Southbourne Free Church today (November 27<sup>th</sup>). Our topic is God's provision. Molly will be sharing with us about many of the amazing miracles she has experienced in our life. My talk will be about how we should respond to God's amazing provision based on Psalm 72. Please do pray for safe travel, boldness and for a positive response to God's word. Derek

**EMILY BROWN** - Emily Brown will be going into hospital on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November to have the titanium rod and various screws removed from her ankle. She will then be convalescing at Marriott House until she can move around safely and look after herself. Please pray for peace of mind, pray too that operation goes well and then pray for healing.

**STAMP NOTICE** - The Post Office has extended their deadline for using stamps without the new Barcode. Ordinary stamps will be valid until 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023 instead of the end of January 2023. After July they will be useless. David Hanchard.

**KAY TUCKER** – Kay is now at home. She feels much better but is very tired and will obviously need support. She would like a few visitors but please ring her first (07955950585) to see how she is feeling. Please pray for strength, peace of mind and rest.

**MORE PRAYER POINTERS** – Please continue to pray for Katrina Gould, Sandra Field, David Hanchard, John and Janet Cowley, Janet Cartwright and Mavis Eede. Please also pray for Keith Scott, Val Collett and Pam Brown. Pray too for others in the congregation who are in need prayer.

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