

ABC NEWS

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Sunday 19th March 2023 – Mothering Sunday

Series: Walking with God

Part IV; Love – the expression of the law

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Paul Howling

March 2023

TODAY'S MORNING SERVICE – This morning's service will be led by Brenda's band as we continue with our series, 'Walking with God. Today we reach part IV as we focus on Love – the expression of the Law. This is based on Deuteronomy 6:1-9. David Howling will be bringing God's word to us. We will also be sharing communion and celebrating Mothering 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 this service from 10.30 am by going to: <http://www.aldwickbaptist.co.uk/category/current-sermons>.

LAUNCHING CAP – There is a CAP Launch Day planned for Sunday 26th March at 3.30 pm to be held at St Wilfrids, Ellasdale Road – just off Victoria Drive to which all churches are invited so as to understand a little more about CAP, to commission those who have agreed to provide the services and enjoy refreshments together. We would love to see you there and so, if you can come please let Clive know by email or phone, before next Sunday, so that we can cater accordingly.

LET'S CELEBRATE - On Monday 20th March at 7:30pm at Shore Community, Victoria Drive, there will be a Bognor Churches Together celebration. It is an opportunity to worship and pray together, to get fellowship across the churches, and also to do a little bit of BCT Forum business. Why not join us? Barbara.

BIRTHDAY LISTS – This week we have two birthdays today as Peter Wilkinson and Simon Downing celebrate another milestone. On Tuesday it will be Karen Howling's birthday, so do wish them a "Happy Birthday" when you see them next. 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.

AN UPDATE ON SIMON – As most of you know, Simon is at home recovering from his recent operation. He now needs to rest in peace and quiet, so please do not try to contact him or put him or his family under any pressure. It is extremely unlikely that Simon will be able to return before Easter but he does report that the sharp nerve pains have subsided most of the time. He still has quite a bit of pain as he moves around. Please pray too that Simon can experience God's peace as he goes through this difficult time of enforced inactivity from the day-to-day activities at the church. Please all pray for Nicky, Emily and Anaya as they need God's strength and our support at this very difficult time.

THIS WEEK'S POEM

This week Arthur reminds us that when we are feeling lost, possibly at the end of our tether, there is someone who really cares about and who is waiting for us to give Him a call.

'I AM'

When you feel all is lost
I am here beside you.
When you lose the way
I am here to guide you.
When you feel vulnerable and weak
I am here to defend you.
When you need a friend
I am here to befriend you.
When you ask me into your life
I am here to save you.
I am the way the truth and the life.
I am your God.

Arthur Magee

THANK YOU - Thank you so very much to everyone for their love, encouragement, good wishes and cards sent to celebrate our engagement and forthcoming marriage. You are a wonderful church family. We feel very loved and encouraged. Lucienne and Bernard.

YOU ARE INVITED –Westergate Christian Fellowship, who meet regularly at the Eastergate Village Hall (near Barnham), would like to invite you to their presentation entitled “Christ is Risen” comprising music, readings and video clips which we plan to hold on the evening of Good Friday, 7th April, at 7.00 p.m. This will be their first presentation since 2019 due to the Covid restrictions. It is highly recommended by many who have been to their previous presentations.

EASTER SERVICES – Easter is rapidly approaching. We will be holding the following services to mark this

- **Good Friday**, April 7th 10 am at the church
- **Resurrection day**, April 9th 7 am, Pagham Beach (opposite David and Fiona's house)
- **Easter Sunday celebration** – April 9th 10.30am at the church.

... and finally

FIRST RESPONDER - As Simon is currently having to curtail his movement and, following his operation, he still needs to rest, 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

KEITH SCOTT – Keith is currently in ICU at St. Richard's hospital following a bad reaction to his latest antibiotics. He is quite weak and very much in need of your prayers. Please pray for a swift diagnosis, correct treatment and healing.

DIANE DOWNING – Diane, Simon's mother continues to have major health concerns and struggles with her hearing in crowded spaces. She has had a steroid injection in her elbow and that has helped with that problem. Please pray for healing and peace of mind.

PRAYER POINTERS – Please continue to pray for David Hanchard, Angela Halfacree, Marion Bryant, Kay Tucker, Emily Brown, Sandra Field, Jon Crane, Mary Bullock, Mavis Eede, Katrina Gould. Please also pray for Keith Scott, Val Collett and Pam Brown. Pray too for others who are in need of prayer.

PRAYER PARTNERS – you have might have heard about this before. You might even already be a “Prayer Partner”. Prayer partners are people who are committed to praying with each other and for each other on a regular basis. Would you like to know more? Then contact Joy Smith by email or phone.

RESPONDING TO PRAYER REQUESTS - Dear friends, there are many prayer requests by your brothers and sisters in the prayer room, please go in and pray over them. There are also many aids to prayer you may like to use. With love in Christ. Angela

ON THE MOVE – Robin and Sharon Sampson have moved! Their new address is 1 Elizabeth Avenue, Rose Green, Bognor Regis. PO21 3EL. Rob and Sharon say are welcome to pop in, but it might be a bit dusty as we will be doing some renovations.

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