

# ABC NEWS

ldwick baptist church



**Do you need a spiritual health check?**

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

**Series: Living out our faith**

**Faith in the midst of trials**

**Luke 12:22-34**

**Derek Robinson**

**TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE** – Clive's band will be leading worship this weekend before I bring you God's word. I will be returning to our series "Living Out Our Faith: Faith in the Midst of Trials" based on Jesus' words as recorded in Luke 12:22-34. We all been told many times over by our new government that the Nation's finances are in a mess and that we can expect a painful Budget next week – so we might well be facing more trials of our own over the next few months that directly affect the way we live. But do not despair, my talk is not about being pessimistic and miserable – in fact it might give you just the uplift you need!

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>.

**NEXT WEEKEND'S WORSHIP SERVICE 3<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER** - 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. The theme for this service is still being developed!

**SHOE BOXES FOR SAMARITANS PURSE** - Just a reminder to all who are very generously filling shoe boxes for children at Christmas. The last Sunday for receiving them at ABC is November 10th, only 2 weeks away! Brenda

**SUNDAY FLOWERS** - If anyone is able to donate even a small amount towards flowers in November, please see me as currently we do not have any donors for the whole of November and reserve funds are very low.. The flowers form a vital ministry at ABC as, not only look good on a Sunday, but are distributed (courtesy of Janet Norton) to any housebound or ill folk in our fellowship, and are always much appreciated. Many thanks in anticipation. Brenda

**THE POLICE ARE COMING TO COFFEE TIME – THURSDAY 31<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER** - No – not to arrest anyone but to give a 10 minute talk on current scams. Three PCSOs will also be individually answering your questions. The police team also wanted to invite regulars at the Community Café and worshippers to join in this session as they know this is of interest to many people today. Coffee Time starts at 10.00 am in the community centre at West Meads. Do ask Liz or Mick for further details.

**HAVE YOU MADE A DECISION?** – Last Sunday, John introduced us to the serving ministries board – Now is the time for action. 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 we are asking you to make this a reality.

This week Arthur reminds us that this life is only the beginning. As wonderful as His creation is here on earth – you really haven't even glimpsed the wonder of what is to come.

**"His wonderful face"**

Can you imagine what a glorious place  
Heaven will be?  
Love and joy,  
For all eternity.  
Our loved ones,  
Who have gone before,  
Waiting for us  
At Heaven's door.  
No more fear,  
No more pain.  
Never having to say  
Goodbye again.  
The angels singing  
In perfect harmony.  
Oh what wonders  
we will see.  
Yes, we will turn our eyes upon Jesus  
And look into His wonderful face  
Oh what joy we will find  
In that glorious place.

Arthur Magee

**MALCOM FARRINGTON** – We said a temporary good bye to dear Malcom on Wednesday in a service of thanksgiving for his life. We also learned a lot more about Malcolm's amazing ability to make things as well as his strong faith. He will be missed by many.

Barbara would like to thank all of those who attended either of the services and the catering team for their excellent lunch. If you missed the service and want to know more then the service is available on YouTube through our website. You can access the service by [clicking here](#) or by going to <https://youtube.com/live/bAifcFz1YY?feature=share>.

**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's new address is Room 33, Burlington Nursing Home, 111 Victoria Dr, Bognor Regis PO21 2DZ. Phone: 01243 821446. Please continue to pray that Molly settles in and that she 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, West Sussex, 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](https://www.seba-baptist.org.uk/?show_media=330454&show_file=369670)

YouTube Link - [https://youtu.be/lkoFWPSS\\_5U](https://youtu.be/lkoFWPSS_5U)

**WE NEED YOUR PRAYERS** –Please continue to 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 also 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).