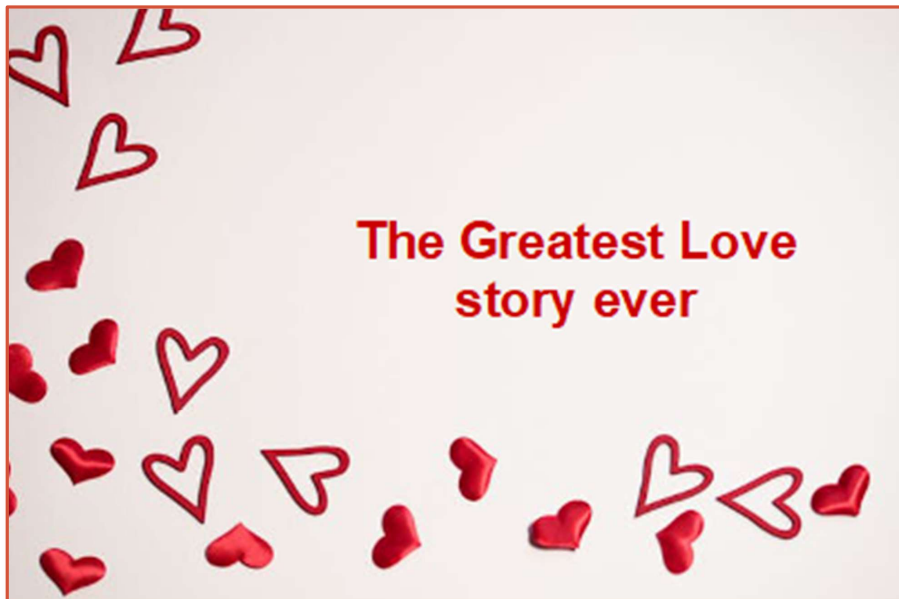


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Sunday 15th December 2024

Series: Advent 2024

The Greatest Love story ever

John 3:16-17

David Howling

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE – Today is the third Sunday in Advent as we continue to look forward to Jesus' birth. Clive's band will be leading worship before David Howling brings God's word to us today. The title of David's talk is 'The Greatest Love story ever.' This service will also include communion which will be led by Simon. 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>.

CHRISTMAS IS GETTING NEARER – We have already had our first carol service in the car park led by the Salvation Army – and it wasn't as cold this year! It was an excellent evening enjoyed by all. On Wednesday we have our annual afternoon carol service starting at 3.30pm. This is an ideal time to invite your friends and neighbours to join us in a short service followed by home-made cakes! If you can make a cake for this service, it would be greatly appreciated. Please let me know if you can help!

NEXT SUNDAY – Our Christmas celebrations continue with a very unusual nativity service on Sunday featuring rather older children than you might expect. It promises to be a very interesting morning! Don't miss it. In the evening, we will be holding our 'Carols by Candlelight service' starting at 6.30pm. This will be followed by mince pies and refreshments. Do invite your friends and neighbours to join in celebrating the birth of the Saviour of the world.

CHRISTMAS DAY – There will be a short celebration service here at 10.30pm led by Simon. Do join us as we celebrate Jesus' birth!

CHRISTMAS IS COMING 2 - We would like ABC to help provide 3 Christmas hampers for CAP (Christians Against Poverty) clients by latest Sunday 15th December to show our love to them. Please put items in the box provided in the foyer. The suggested items are: Sweet biscuits, Savoury biscuits, Nice family cake, Tinned fruit, Custard, Tinned meat, Mince Pies, Trifle (boxed), Crisps, Tinned salmon or tuna, Christmas crackers, Stuffing, Fruit juice, Tea and/or coffee, Jam and/or marmalade. **BUT** no alcohol or "value" food please. Thanking you in anticipation. Polly

CHRISTMAS IS COMING 3 – to Eastergate Village Hall on 21st December at 7pm. With songs, carols, videos, readings and a seasonal quiz. There's something for everyone to enjoy. Plus refreshments during the interval – and it is all free. Come and enjoy the true joy of the season. Organised by Westergate Christian Fellowship. For further details check the website www.westergatefellowship.co.uk or phone 01243 263821

This week's poem

This week Arthur's poem reminds that life is full of options – and sometimes we might not be sure which way to go. If that is you, then Arthur's message is simple – take the road that leads to Jesus>

The Road to Jesus

Which road to take?
So easy to make a mistake.
Many strive for wealth and fame,
But in the end – it's all the same.
So many mysteries.
Difficult to comprehend
That one day the road will end.
Small is the gate
And narrow the road
That leads to life.
So don't make a mistake!
Which one to take?
That the road that leads to Jesus.
Matthew 7:13-14

Arthur Magee

CAN YOU HELP? – We have been contacted by a lady who lives alone and would love someone to make her a lunch for Christmas day. We had arranged for her to go to the Shore Church's Christmas lunch, but she can't leave her home at the moment. Can you help? I can arrange collection and delivery. Derek.

SEBA HOME MISSION FOCUS FOR NOVEMBER 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 Westvale Community Church, where their minister in training is Miranda Odysseos-Beaumont . The Link for the video on the SEBA Web Site is https://www.seba-baptist.org.uk/?show_media=333566&show_file=374007
YouTube Link - <https://youtu.be/8CNmPffu7CE>

FIRST RESPONDER –As Simon is continuing his phased return, I will continue to act as first responder for the time being, so please don't try to contact him, instead contact me in the case of problems.

PLEASE NOTE THESE NEW NUMBERS - Simon Downing (07411 919928); Church office (07743 257860)

Prayer Board

... and finally

David Hanchard's cousin Ed and his wife Maddy recently had their first baby, a girl, Sophie Rose. The baby was induced at 35 weeks and weighed in at just over 5lbs. Please praise God, that mum and the baby are progressing well and Sophie Rose is putting on weight. It has been a stressful time all round for the family, who as yet are not believers. Please pray that God puts people in their lives who direct them towards Jesus.

Please continue to pray for Frank who has really been unwell for several weeks now. Pray for an accurate diagnosis, correct medication and healing. Pray too that Frank will soon be able to return to his ministry in our local schools.

Please pray for Peter and Joyce Kaufman as they struggle to cope with the recent death of their son, Paul. Pray too for their own health as they have both been unwell for sometime.

Please continue to pray for Mable, aged two, who has two cancerous lumps on her liver. Please pray for healing.

Please pray too for Molly Hawkins, Mary Bullock, Pam McClaren, Val Colette, Mo Howland, Arthur Magee, Vivienne Newman, Hazel Bell – all of whom need our prayers. Do continue to thank God that Simon has been able to rejoin us in church. Do pray for a gradual return to full health.