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Vision: Loving God, Loving Each Other, Loving Lost People

# ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church




**Sunday 23rd February 2025**

**Series: The Seven Churches**

**Part II - Ephesus**

**Revelation 2:1-7**

**Simon Downing**



**TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE** – Simon's band will be leading worship, and he will also be bringing God's word as we return to our series 'The Seven Churches' based on the first three chapters of Revelation. The title of this sermon is 'Part II - Ephesus' based on Revelation 2:1-7. In verse 1 we read 'These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands.' If you find all of this a bit confusing, then make sure you are here next 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 the service at any time by going to: https://www.aldwickbaptist.co.uk/category/current-sermons.

**NEXT WEEKEND'S WORSHIP SERVICE 2nd March 2025** – This will be our monthly family service entitled 'Encourage one another based on Hebrews 10:24-25. Simon's band will be leading worship, and John and Joy will be coordinating the service. This service will also 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.

**CONFUSED ABOUT CHURCHSUITE** - ChurchSuite is an ABC database that holds all of the contact details for church members and regular attenders who have asked to be kept informed of church news or who wish to make contact with one another. The database also holds a calendar of all the events planned by ABC so that you can reserve the dates of interest to you. In order to be registered you need to give your permission via a signed GDPR form (available on request). Once you are on the database you can control your own data - your address, email, phone, photo etc or even ask to unsubscribe. If you are thinking about using ChurchSuite or need a refresher please click here or talk to me. Thank you. Clive

**WELL OF HOPE -** A sincere thank you to all who have donated over the last year. All your loose change adds up, enabling us to help many , including 2 members families who are going through difficult times, a Mom from Toddler Time and two local groups who depend solely on donations to keep their services going.

Could I please ask you to keep your donations going as it's not only at Christmas, but all year round that we try to help folk and families when needs arise.

To borrow a well known slogan, "Every Little Helps"! So keep the coppers ( and any other loose change) coming as every penny goes towards our valuable service and witness. With thanks in anticipation. Ian and Brenda

## This week's poem

This week Arthur's poem reminds us that when the problems of this world overwhelms us, there is still the Lord – offering His strength to hold you up.

**The Mountain Track**

As I struggled up the mountain track,
The heavy rain and wind pushed me back.
The track was so steep to bare,
But it seemed a light was always there.
Sometimes I fell in stress and pain,
But I soldiered on and got up again.
Then at last, I saw the peak,
So overwhelmed, I could hardly speak.
Yes, the light had seen me through,
And as I surveyed the glorious view
Lord, I knew…
… My strength had come from you.

Arthur Magee

**WEEKLY NOTES AND HOMEGROUP QUESTIONS** – These will no longer be distributed with the news sheet. I will continue to send them out online to those are on our mailing list and can provide hard copies for anyone else on request. This is the save paper and to avoid people reading the notes in church instead of listening to the speaker!

**HAVE YOU CONSIDERED BAPTISM**? - Have you considered taking the step of obedience and faith through baptism? Baptism is a powerful declaration of your commitment to Jesus—a public testimony that you have been made new in Him. If you feel God calling you to take this step, we would love to walk alongside you. Speak to one of the leaders today to learn more about this incredible opportunity to declare your faith! We are planning to hold a Baptismal service on Easter Sunday which would be a terrific day to be baptised!

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## … and finally

**FIRST RESPONDER** – As Simon gradually returns to full-time ministry, he is once more your first responder for all urgent matters, so do contact him in the case of emergencies. For less urgent problems, please use our pastoral care system by contacting your pastoral group coordinator.

**VAL COLLETT** – Val's cremation service will be held on Friday, February 28th at 11.00am. Simon will be leading this service which is for family only. There will be a thanksgiving service here at ABC beginning at 12 noon with light refreshments to follow. This service will be led by Paul Kerley. You are all welcome to attend this service.

**BIDDY JOYCE –** Biddy was admitted to St. Richard's Hospital last weekend with a shortness of breath. After undergoing various checks, Biddy came home on Tuesday evening. She is on medication and will be seeing the specialist next month. They are not expecting to perform surgery for a year anyway. She has her dog back with her, which is a blessing, and she hopes to come to church on Sunday.

**KATRINA GOULD** - Rosanne Gould has asked us to pray for her daughter Katrina who had a seizure on Thursday afternoon and was taken to St. Richard's Hospital. Good news – I have just spoken to Rosanne and Katrina is now home! But do continue to pray for peace of mind and healing.

**LARRY AND HEATHER** – Please pray for our son in law Tim was taken to hospital after suffering a serious a sporting related injury to his foot on Saturday morning. He was taken to Poole Hospital and had some reconstructive surgery to the broken bones and repair to blood vessels supplying his foot. Please pray for healing for Tim, the Lord's presence with them both and the wider family. Tim and our daughter Esther both work for their church which has been suffering a number of issues with the wider leadership team so please pray against these challenges to their work as they seek to bring people to faith in Jesus. As an added complication, Tim is due to be the 'best man' at a Wedding this weekend as well as playing drums in the band. Do pray that Tim will be able to complete both duties!

**WE NEED YOUR PRAYERS** – Please continue to pray for Arthur Magee who is waiting for an operation; for Polly Bennett who has been unwell for several weeks, for Angela Halfacree who is back in hospital with breathing difficulties. Please pray too for Pam McLaren, Mary Bullock, Molly Hawkins, Pam Brown and Mo Howland who would all like to be with us to worship the Lord but are unable to do so. Please continue to pray for healing David Hanchard's foot and for Haze whose health is still a concern.