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

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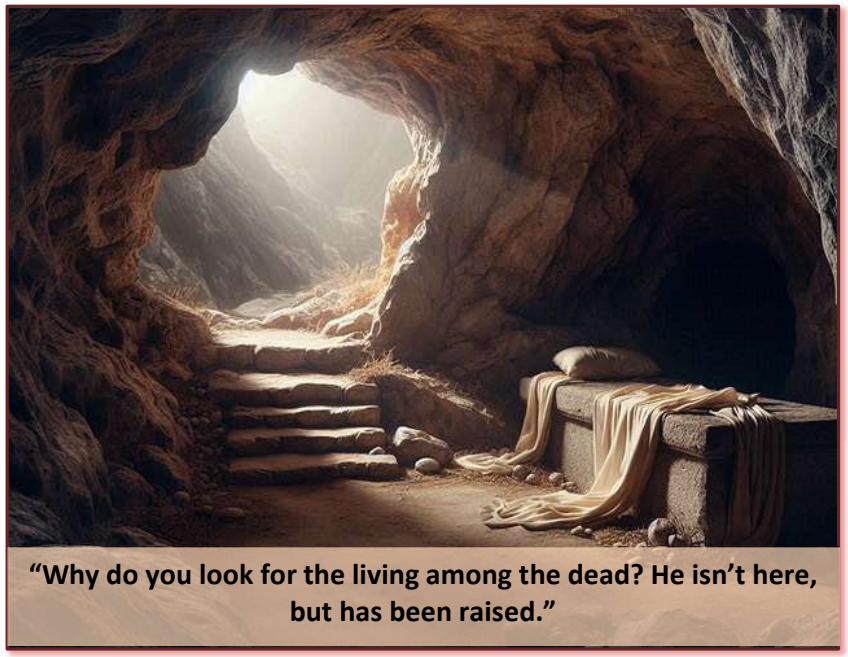
Aldwick Baptist Church



"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He isn't here, but has been raised."

Sunday 20th April 2025

Holy Week

Easter Sunday – Resurrection Day

Reading: Luke 24:1-8

Derek Robinson

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE – RESURRECTION DAY. Simon's band will be leading worship, but the band will have an unfamiliar look about it as he is joined by some guests from London. The service will also include 5 baptisms as Anaya, Anaiah, Hazel, Ian and Richard step into the waters of baptism—testifying to God's grace, dying to the old, and rising with Christ into new life. This promises to be a great day in their lives but also in our lives as we stand together in faith, encouraged by their bold witness and reminded of our own journey with Jesus

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.

HAVE YOU BEEN BAPTISED? Today we celebrate the powerful step of faith taken by five individuals through baptism — a public declaration of their love for Jesus and a symbol of new life in Him. As you've watched, perhaps something stirred in your heart.

WHAT ABOUT YOU? Baptism isn't about having all the answers — it's about saying *yes* to the One who gave everything for you. If you've committed your life to Christ but haven't yet been baptised… could now be your time?

We'd love to talk and pray with you so speak to one of the deacons today or contact us this week. Jesus is calling — how will you respond?

NEXT WEEKEND'S WORSHIP SERVICE 27th APRIL 2025 – Clive's band will be leading worship as Simon follows up the Easter message with a talk entitled – 'You only live twice' based on 1 Corinthians 20-34. This promises to be a memorable service with a very important message that we all need to hear. Don't miss this.

BOGNOR METHODIST CHURCH CENTENARY - MONDAY 21 APRIL 2025 – Bank Holiday Monday - A specially-commissioned drama starting in the Sunken Gardens at 10.30am, opposite the Church, and then moving into the church itself off Waterloo Square. The play is written by David Robinson and is about the Emmaus Road Story.

CURIOUS ABOUT LIFE? - SEARCHING FOR MORE?

Alpha is a place to ask the big questions of life. Whether you're exploring faith for the first time, returning with doubts, or simply curious, Alpha offers a warm, open, and honest space to discover more about the Christian faith.

Starts this September — You're Invited!

Come for food, stay for the conversation, and bring your questions. No pressure, no charge, no judgment — just a chance to explore life's biggest questions together.

Interested? Speak to Simon, or one of the deacons.

This week our poem links Resurrection Day with baptism as today we celebrate the greatest day in history. Christ is risen. He has risen indeed.

Buried with Christ, Raised to New Life

On Calvary's hill love bled and died,
The spotless Lamb was crucified.
Our sins He bore, our debt He paid,
In borrowed tomb His body laid.

But on the third, the grave gave way,
The stone rolled back, it could not stay.
The risen Lord in glory shone,

Death defeated, Christ enthroned.

And now through faith we share His name,
Baptised with Him in death and shame.
But from the water we arise,
Alive in Him, with opened eyes.

No longer bound by chains or fear,
His Spirit whispers, "I am near."
We walk anew, redeemed and free,
A sign of grace for all to see.

So Easter's cry rings clear and true—
The tomb is empty, all things new!
Come to the cross, believe, be blessed,
Find in His life your peace and rest.

Anon

MARY BULLOCK – Mary's cremation will be held at Chichester Crematorium at 9.30am on Wednesday, 23rd April. This will be followed by a celebration of Mary's life here at ABC beginning at 10.30am. If any of you got memories of Mary Bullock that could be included in her please let me know. Derek.

DON'T FORGET – Our next church meeting is on 24th April at 7.00pm. Please make every effort to attend as we seek the will of God for this church. There will also be a very important decision to be made – so don't miss this.

... and finally

Prayer Wall

Please pray too for Ian Surrell who is back in St. Richard's Hospital. He is in a lot of pain and discomfort because of an infected gall bladder. Ideally, the doctors would like to operate to remove it but Ian has been told there would be only a 20% chance of surviving the operation due to his heart condition. So instead, the doctors are treating him with strong antibiotics to calm the gall bladder down.
Please pray for successful treatment, healing and peace of mind for Ian and his family

Please do pray for our 5 baptismal candidates: Anaya, Araiah, Hazel, Ian and Richard as they give their testimonies today. Do also pray for anyone else who is thinking about baptism.

Please pray for Polly who has her last chemo treatment next Tuesday. Please pray for this to be successful so that she can return to full health and strength with remission from the lymphoma.

Please do pray for ladies currently living in care homes. Pray for Molly Hawkins at Burlington. Pam McClaren at Arun Lodge, Mo Howland at Westergate House and Pam Brown at Cherington's. They all miss coming to worship the Lord as members of His family. Please don't forget them.

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