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

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



These are the words of the Son of God, whose eyes are like blazing fire and whose feet are like burnished bronze.

Sunday 11th May 2025

Series: The Seven Churches

Part 5 - Thyatira

Reading: Revelation 2:18-29

Simon Downing

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE – Clive's band will be leading worship as Simon returns to our series; "The Seven Churches" where will hear about Jesus' message to the church in Thyatira as recorded in Revelation 2: 18-26. You may recall that the messages sent to these churches are meant for all church at all times and so applies directly to us. Don't miss this.

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 18th May 2025 – Simon's band will be leading worship as Simon then continues with our series; "The Seven Churches" where will hear about Jesus' message to the church in Sardis as recorded in Revelation 3: 1-6. You may recall that the messages sent to these churches are meant for all church at all times and so applies directly to us. Don't miss this.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – A DAY OF PRAYER – Saturday, May 17th 9.00am – 5pm. This is the day where we offer a quiet space for prayer, reflection and contemplation in the youth room. For more details talk to Joy.

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

DBS FORMS – If you have been given a DBS form by Jill Lomas, please return it as soon as possible.

HAVE YOU BEEN BAPTISED? A few weeks ago we celebrated 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.

SO 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? Why not speak to Simon or one of the leadership team today?

"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands." (Psalm 19:1)

Whether walking among the hills, resting beside a stream, or looking up at the ever-changing sky, creation has a way of drawing our hearts to the Creator. This poem invites us to pause, to marvel, and to remember that the beauty around us is not an accident—it's the signature of a loving God who still speaks through all He has made.

"The Maker's Hand"

I walked the hills where silence sings,
And felt the brush of angel wings;
The wind that whispered through the pine
Spoke truth no scholar could define—
This world was made by God divine.

I stood beside the laughing stream,
Its crystal voice a holy theme;
Each ripple danced with heaven's grace,
Reflecting light upon my face—
I knew I'd found a sacred place.

I gazed above where clouds drift wide,
Like chariots in royal stride;
The skies declare with grandeur loud,
That earth below and stars unbowed
Were shaped by One, not by a crowd.

So when I'm asked, "How do you know?"
I'll say, "I've walked where wonders grow."
The mountains, skies, and rivers broad
All echo with the voice of God—
And every step leads back to God.

Anon

Have you ever wondered what is expected of a deacon? Deacons play a vital role in the life of our church. They are servant-hearted leaders who support the pastor in both the spiritual and practical care of the fellowship. Whether it's visiting the sick, offering a listening ear, praying with others, helping with church duties, or quietly supporting behind the scenes—deacons help build unity, offer encouragement, and serve with compassion.

We are currently looking to expand our team of deacons. Could God be calling you to serve in this way? Please pray about it—and if you sense that quiet nudge, come and speak to Simon or one of the current deacons. We'd love to explore it with you.

... and finally

Prayer Board

The Power of Prayer - Seeking God's Will Together

Do you realise that prayer is not a shopping list of things we want—it's a relationship with the living God. It's not about getting our way, but about seeking His way. When we pray—both individually and together—we should come with open hearts, ready to listen, surrender, and be shaped by the One who knows best.

Prayer is where alignment happens. It's where our hearts are tuned to His will, our burdens are lifted, and our steps are guided. Whether you're asking God for direction in your own life, or lifting up the future of our church, prayer is where it all begins.

So let's be people of prayer—faithful in the quiet place, united in the gathered place, believing that when we truly seek Him, He will surely lead us.

Please do continue to pray for Dorothy who is still struggling with her back - but do thank God that her grandson Luke is now back in Bognor Regis. Do continue to pray for miraculous healing.

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