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

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



"I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead."

Sunday 18th May 2025

Series: The Seven Churches

Church 5 - Sardis

Reading: Revelation 3:1-6

Simon Downing

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE – Simon's band will be leading worship as he 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. Hold on to your seats because this is a very challenging message that you really must hear.

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 25th May 2025 – Brenda's band will be leading worship as I introduce a new series; "Glimpsing God's vision for the Church" as the Apostle Paul reveals the great purpose and plan of God for His church as recorded in book of Ephesians. We begin in Chapter 1 verses 1-14 where Paul reminds us of all the blessings we have through our relationship with Jesus. Don't miss this as the first verses are simple breathtaking. Derek.

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?

"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."

—Hebrews 11:1 (NIV)

As we journey through uncertain times, this poem—drawing inspiration from the spirit of hope in *"If I Can Dream"*—reminds us to keep our eyes on Christ and to dream with faith, love, and unity in our hearts.

If We Can Dream

If we can dream of a place full of light,
Where truth and grace overcome darkest night,
Then let our faith rise on wings of the dove—
Led by the power of God's endless love.

If we believe in a hope yet unseen,
Where broken hearts find the peace of the King,
Then let us walk, not by sight but by trust,
Knowing the Lord will be faithful and just.

If we can long for a world made anew,
Where justice flows like a river in view,
Then let us be all that Christ calls us to—
Humble in heart and in purpose made true.

If we can stand where the Saviour once stood,
Praying for mercy and doing what's good,
Then let us dream—not alone, but as one—
Till Heaven breaks in and God's kingdom has come**.**

T.A.B.

(The Aldwick Bard)

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

Did you thow that prayer isn't just something we do—it's how we listen, how we seek, and how we move forward in God's strength. When we pray—individually or together—we open our hearts to God's leading. We invite His wisdom into our decisions, His peace into our struggles, and His power into our everyday lives.

So whether you are discerning God's will for your own life or praying for the direction of our church family, remember this: Prayer is where alignment happens. It's where God shapes our desires and shows us His way forward.

Friends let us be people of prayer—faithful in the quiet place, and united in the gathered place—trusting that when we seek Him, He promises to lead us.

Please do continue to pray for Anaya, Anaiah, Hazel, Ian and Richardwho were recently baptised here. Do also pray for anyone else who is thinking about baptism.

Please do pray for Biddy's friend Sue who has fallen down and is in hospital with a broken neck and other injuries. Pray too Karensa (Sue's daughter) who is seriously ill.

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