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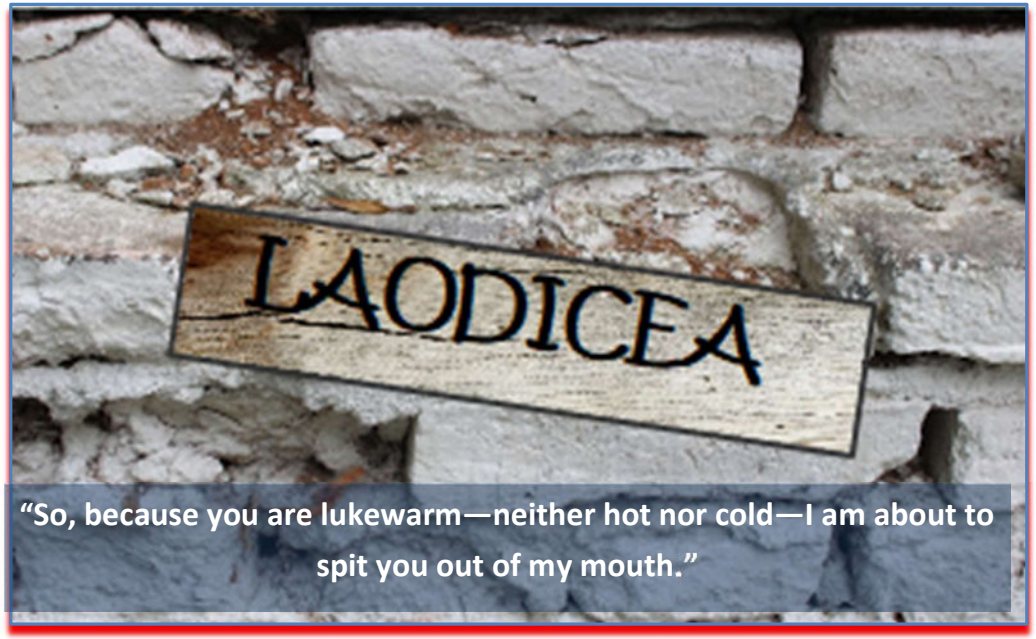

Sunday 22nd June 2025

Series: The Seven Churches

Church 7 – Laodicea

Reading: Revelation 3:14-22

Simon Downing

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE – Simon's band will be leading worship before Simon then concludes our series, 'The Seven Churches' as he reveals Jesus' message to Laodicea as written in Revelation 3:14-22. This passage seems particularly apt to the church as Jesus describes the Laodiceans as lukewarm. Something He finds detestable. This has been a hugely important series for us if we are serious in fulfilling God's commission to His church toady. Make sure you are here.

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 29th June 2025 – Brenda's band will be leading worship as Clive returns for part 3 of our series, 'Glimpsing God's vision for the Church.' Part 3 is based on Ephesians 2:1-10 and is entitled, 'Grace in Christ.' This series is highly relevant to us today if we are serious about being the church, Jesus wants us to be.

CURRENT HEALTH PROBLEMS – We do seem to have at lot of serious illnesses within in the church at present. Please pray God's protection over us all and His peace, strength, and healing for every member of our church family. Pray too for Simon who has to carry a very heave pastoral load at present.

PAM McLAREN – Pam's cremation service will be held at 1.30pm on Thursday, June 26th at Chichester crematorium. Simon will be leading the service. There will be no follow up service at the church to comply with the family's wishes.

THE AGM IS DRAWING NEAR (JULY 24th) – This is when we can elect new deacons BUT 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?

SUMMER TREASURE HUNT & CREAM TEA CELEBRATION – Saturday 28th June from 3pm to 5pm with inflatable fun run in our new garden and other attractions. This weekend is your last chance to book – so either email Clive (secretary@alwickbaptist.co.uk) or phone 01243 930756. This is an all age event – so don't miss out.

PREACHING TEAM – I will be preaching at Southbourne Free Church next Sunday on Isaiah 51. This is one week before their 170th anniversary. Please do pray for this small congregation, their minister Paul and for my message. Derek

This week's poem

This week, as summer surrounds us with beauty—sunlit skies, playful breezes, and peaceful moments by streams—it's easy to relax and breathe deeply. Creation reflects the abundant goodness of God. This poem celebrates the joy of summer while inviting us to reflect on the deeper warmth God desires—not just in nature, but in our hearts Inspired by Revelation 3:14-23)

More Than Warm

I wandered where the brook runs clear,
Its babble bright, like song to hear.
The breeze was soft, the sunlight strong—
Creation hummed its summer song.
And in that peace, my soul could see
The God who shaped it all for me.

The sky was wide, a painter's joy,
With clouds that drift and dreams employ.
Each leaf, each lightbeam, spoke His name,
Each field of gold, His love proclaimed.
And yet I sensed, beyond the blue,
A whisper deep: *But what of you?*

Do you still burn with love once known,
Or walk the path now chilled, alone?
The One who made the stars above
Desires a heart that burns with love.
Not lukewarm prayers or half-lived days,
But life poured out in grateful praise.

So let the brook run swift and free,
And stir that living flame in me.
Let skies remind, and fields inspire,
A holy life, a holy fire.
For God who gives such gifts each day
Still calls His people not to stray.

O Lord of summer, sun, and stream,
Revive in us a brighter dream.
Not ease alone, but passion true—
A heart made whole, and hot for You.
May all creation's warmth and grace
Awaken zeal to seek Your face.

The Aldwick Bard (TAB)

