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

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



"It is by grace you have been saved."

Sunday 29th June 2025

Series: Glimpsing God's Vision for the Church

Part 3 – Grace in Christ

Reading: Ephesians 2:10

Clive Bennett

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE – 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.

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 FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE 6th July 2025 – Simon's band will be leading worship as I take John's place in planning this family service which I hope will challenge you and make you smile. This service is based on Jesus' words when He said, 'I am the good shepherd. It will be preceded by 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. Don't miss this opportunity.

IMPORTANT DATE 1 – Diane Townson's cremation service will take place at Chichester Crematorium on Wednesday, 9th July at 11.30am. You are welcome to join the family there. This will be followed by light refreshments here at ABC.

IMPORTANT DATE 2 – Brian Goldsmith's funeral will also take place on 9th July. There will be a private burial service first for family and close friends, followed at 2pm by a thanksgiving service at St Mary Magdalene Church, 1 Bersted Street, South Bersted, PO22 9QH. Refreshments will follow. All are invited to the thanksgiving service. Please let me know if you are likely to attend as Brian's daughter, Karen, needs to know approximate numbers. Derek.

PRAY URGENTLY NEEDED - **SAT7** is asking for prayer for the frightened people of Iran, particularly the children so that they will be able to sleep and be safe.

PLEASE SUPPORT US – This weekend, a brave group of Onelife supporters are taking on the Onelife Challenge. And what a challenge it's going to be! We'll be taking on an 18km trek through the Brecon Beacons, including the iconic Pen Y Fan. We're walking to raise vital funds that help equip and inspire young leaders across the UK. You can cheer us on and make a real difference by sponsoring the team. Every donation goes straight to supporting the next generation of confident, values-driven leaders. And it'll keep us going as well! If you would like to donate, please speak to me. Derek

This week's poem

This week, at Pam McLaren's cremation service, Simon read this beautiful poem in which Pam reminds us that although she has gone to be with the Lord, it isn't a permanent goodbye.

This is not goodbye

I did not want to leave you
It was just my time to go
I know your heart is breaking
So, I need to let you know

That although you can no longer see me
I'll be forever by your side
I promise time will numb the pain
And help dry the tears you've cried

You can reach me in your memories
Just think of me, I will be there
In your dreams, we can visit yesteryear
Where we didn't have a care

Please carry on and live your life
I beg of you to try
Just know we'll meet again one day
As this is not goodbye

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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.

IT'S SUMMER TIME - The Love Aldwick Table Tennis group has broken up for a summer break, but we will resume on the 2nd September. We always look forward to any new members who would like to join us. For any information regarding the group speak to John Bell or contact on 01243968608.

PREACHING TEAM – I will be preaching at Southbourne Free Church today 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.

