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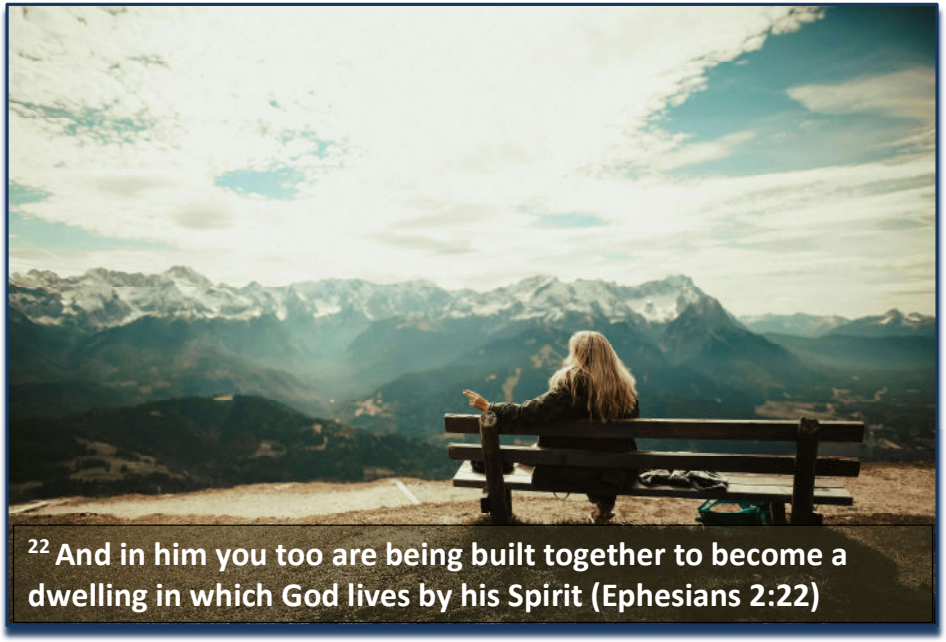

Sunday 13th July 2025

Series: Glimpsing God's Vision for the Church

Reconciliation

Reading: Ephesians 2:11-22

Simon Downing

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE – – Brenda's band will be leading worship as Simon returns to our series, 'Glimpsing God's vision for the Church'. This will be part 4 entitled 'Reconciliation in Christ' based on Ephesians2:11-22. I hope you have found this series helpful as it is highly relevant to us today if we are serious about being the church, Jesus wants us to be. 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 20th July 2025 – Simon's band will be leading worship as David Howling returns to us and will be continuing our series, 'Glimpsing God's vision for the Church'. This will be part 5 entitled 'Inclusion in Christ' based on Ephesians 3:1-13. This series will conclude on Sunday, July 27th as Simon brings the final talk in this series.

THE AGM IS NEARLY HERE (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. At the AGM Simon will also be highlighting some other roles that need filling, so even if being a deacon seems too demanding for you, there are several other opportunities to serve the Lord here.

THANK YOU – Brian' Goldsmith's family would like to thank all of you who joined them at the celebration and thanksgiving service for Brian's life at St Mary Magdelene Church last Wednesday. It was good to hear the details of his life and his ministry.

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.

❓ **WHAT IS THE ALPHA COURSE? -** Alpha is a relaxed, friendly, and open series of sessions that explore the Christian faith and life's big questions. Each week includes a short film, space for honest conversation, and a chance to ask anything—no pressure, no preaching, and no question too simple or too tough. It's ideal for those who are curious about faith, new to church, or just wanting to explore life's deeper meaning. Everyone is welcome. Our new series starts in September, so please speak to Clive if you want to know more.

This week's poem

In a world marked by division—whether in personal relationships, global conflicts, or our separation from God—Paul 's letter to the Ephesians reminds us that **Jesus is our peace**. He breaks down barriers, heals wounds, and builds something entirely new: a people joined together by grace.

Walls Come Down

A word once sharp, a look unkind,
A silence cold, a wounded mind.
Yet mercy speaks, and grace begins—
Where love steps in, the mending wins.
Forgiveness grows where pride had grown,
And peace returns where hurt had sown.

A flag is raised, a treaty signed,
But deeper healing still must bind.
Where battlefields have scarred the land,
Let justice walk with mercy's hand.
No war can last where Christ is near—
His cross makes strangers reappear
As brothers, reconciled and known—
For by His blood, we are made one.

Once far from hope, without a place,
Now drawn into the heart of grace.
No longer strangers held outside,
But welcome where His love abides.
He breaks the wall, He makes us whole—
His peace now pulses through the soul.

O Christ, who died to make us new,
Build us into a house for You.
Not stone and wood, but life and breath—
Your people knit through life and death.
From every land, through every pain,
You gather what the world would strain.

So let the church be bold to live
The peace that only You can give—
A place where all divisions cease,
A home of healing, grace, and peace.
Where enemies and friends embrace,
And every heart finds saving grace.

TAB (The Aldwick bard)

Prayer Wall ... and finally

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 heavy pastoral load at present.

Good news, Matt Wood has come home from hospital which is a wonderful answer to prayer. He is still unwell but his discharge is very encouraging. Please do thank God for his mercy and do continue to pray for further healing and peace of mind for Matt and the family.

Do continue to pray for Gary Eggington and his family as Gary as he has been told that he has limited life expectancy. Please pray for courage, acceptance and peace of mind for Gary and his family. Pray too for the Sea Scouts who miss their leader so much.

Please do pray for our ladies currently living in care homes. Pray for Molly Hawkins at Burlington, Mo Howland at Westergate House and Pam Brown at Cherington.

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