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

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



'I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me'
(John 10:14)

Sunday 6th July 2025

Our monthly family worship service

Series: Jesus said ..

'I am the Good Shepherd'

Reading: John 10:11-18

Dere Robinson

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE – 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.

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 13th July 2025 – 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 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.

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.

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.

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.

This week's poem

This week we reflect on one of the most tender and powerful statements Jesus ever made: *"I am the good shepherd."* (John 10:11–18)
He isn't a distant overseer or a temporary hireling—He is the One who knows us by name, leads us with love, and lays down His life to bring us home.
This poem celebrates the deep assurance we have in Jesus—the Shepherd who never abandons His sheep, even in life's darkest valleys.

The Good Shepherd

He calls my name with voice so kind,
And leads me when I feel confined.
Through shadowed vale or sunlit land,
I'm never lost—I'm in His hand.

He is the gate, the pasture wide,
The Shepherd true, my guard, my guide.
No hireling heart, no fleeting care—
But one who lays His own life bare.

He knows my ways, my fear, my frame,
Yet loves me still, and speaks my name.
When others leave or turn aside,
He stays, He seeks, He will provide.

And when at last the night shall fall,
I'll hear His voice above it all.
The Shepherd leads where life is blessed—
His wounded hands, my place of rest.

TAB (The Aldwick Bard)

SOUTHBOURNE FREE CHURCH – This weekend marks the 170th anniversary of this small church. Please thank God for so many years of service to the local community. Please do pray for this small congregation and their minister Paul who works tirelessly for the Lord in difficult circumstances.

❓ **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.

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.

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.

Please pray for Matt Woods who remains in hospital for furthet tests and treatment.. Simon reports that Matt is very poorly and that his immune system is is extremely low. Please pray for 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 pray for Brian Townson and the family as their grieve for Diane. Pray for strength, peace of mind and happy memories.

Please pray for Brian Goldsmith's family as they say goodbye (for now) to Brian on Wednesday 9th July. Do thank God for Brian's life of service to the Lord.

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