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

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Aldwick Baptist Church



Sunday 24th August 2025

Series: Ecclesiastes

Earthly Life v Eternal Life – Life & Death

Readings: Ecclesiastes 1:1-11, 2: 24- 26, & 3: 1-15

Clive Bennett

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE – Brenda's band will be leading worship before Clive dips into Ecclesiastes chapters 1, 2 and 3 as he contrasts 'Earthly life with Eternal life." This is clearly an important topic as we are currently experiencing our earthly life – but this is a prelude to what is to come. Sounds intriguing, so don't miss it. To find out, you need to be 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 31st August 2025 – Clive's band will be leading worship as we welcome our dear friend Stuart Filby to bring God's word to us. The title of his talk is 'My questions and Gods answer/ God's question and my answer' based on Psalm 13. In his talk Stuart will also be directing us to 1 Corinthians13 v4-8. Stuart feels that God has given him this message and we need to hear it. So make sure you are here!

A PRAYER REQUEST FROM ONELIFE: OneLife is a Christian organisation that we support. It aims to develops character and leadership skills in young people to influence and shape society for good

Hi Everyone,

One thing I have started to try to do is stand on one leg for one minute and then the other for one minute while brushing my teeth! Strange… well, according to Dr Michael Mosley, it helps with balance as you get older!

Tenuous link time: learning new habits and rhythms is one of the things we try to teach 18–25-year-olds at the School of Leadership, our five-day residential held at the end of August. I did the School of Leadership when I was 38 when I joined the Onelife team. I often say to church leaders and youth workers – if only I had done this at 18, how different life would be!

We would love to invite you to pray for this year's event:

- Pray that the delegates would arrive hungry, open and feel at home from the get-go
- Pray that the team would be like glue and carry the culture throughout the week, it is such a significant ingredient
- Pray that the young people attending would be transformed by the love of Jesus, and this would be a springboard for their life and faith moving forwards

Thanks as always for your constant backing and prayers, we appreciate it SO much!

With love,
Chris and the Onelife team x

'He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.'
- Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NIV).

The poem below reflects on key truths from Ecclesiastes 1–3: God's creation is purposeful and beautiful; He places eternity in our hearts; His work endures forever; and one day we will all give an account of how we used the time He gave us.

A Time for All Things

The sun still rises, sets, and spins,
And time begins again, again.
We chase the wind with empty hands,
While dust reclaims our best-laid plans.
Yet still beneath the turning skies,
The beauty of God's purpose lies.

He made the world, both vast and small,
With time for laughter, time to fall.
He spoke and stars began to gleam—
And placed within our hearts a dream:
A sense that life cannot be done,
Until it meets the timeless One.

Yet who can trace the Maker's mind,
Or grasp what lies beyond mankind?
Our thoughts are bound by here and now,
But He writes deeper—He knows how.
And though we question, strive, and roam,
The mystery of God leads home.

What He ordains will never fade—
No fleeting touch, no passing shade.
His work endures when ours is dust,
A firm foundation we can trust.
So build not just with worldly gain,
But set your heart on what remains.

For time is gift and time is test,
And we must use it at our best.
Each breath we take, each word we speak,
Reflects the truth our lives will seek.
The Judge of time will not forget—
Eternal life is not here yet.

TAB (The Aldwick bard)

Prayer Wall ... and finally

Please do continue to pray for Dorothy Ridley and her family as they try to come to terms with the loss of Luke. Help them to lean on the Lord as their source of strength, comfort, and hope in these days of sorrow. May they know His presence close beside them, His arms beneath them, and His peace that passes understanding guarding their hearts and minds.

Please continue to pray for Peter Kaufman as he continues his healing journey. He remains very weak and is finding life difficult. Please pray for healing. Pray too for Joyce.

Please pray for the Downing family who are currently on holiday. Pray for fun, protection, peace and rest for them all but also that they have a wonderful time!

Please continue to give thanks that Matt Wood is back at home and slowly improving. He is still unwell and definitely needs our prayers. Please pray for ongoing healing

Please also pray for Chris Grant who is still very fragile. Pray for healing and strength. Pray also for healing for Frank who has a large swelling on his knee.

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