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

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



"Where is your brother?"
(Genesis 4:9)

Sunday 21st September 2025

Series: When God asks the question.

Question 2: "Where is your brother?"

Readings: Genesis 4v1-16 and then Hebrews 11v4

Clive Bennett

SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE – Simon's band will be leading worship as Clive continues with our sermon series entitled, "When God asks the question." In part 2 of the series, God asks us, "Where is your brother?" This is based on Genesis 4. As we will see in this passage, sibling rivalry can have dramatic consequences that have been mirrored across the generations that followed. This talk should be very thought provoking, so don't miss out. This service will also include communion. 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 28th September 2025 – Hazel will be leading Brenda's band as they lead us in worship. Simon will be continuing with our new sermon series entitled, "When God asks the question." In part 3 of the series, God ask us, "Who will go for us?". This is based on Isaiah 6:8. How would you answer that question today? Would you be willing 'to go' at the Lord's command today, even when it means giving up some of the things you love? This is going to be very challenging!

AN INVITATION TO JOIN THE PASTORAL CARE TEAM - There will be a short meeting at the church on **Thursday, 25th September at 7pm** for all members of the pastoral team. I would also love to welcome anyone who feels called to "love your neighbour as yourself" to come along and find out more. A caring heart, listening ears, and a good sense of humour are always valuable gifts in pastoral care. Tea-drinking skills and the ability to smile even when life gets tough will also serve you well! Derek

QUARTERLY PRAYER MEETING – Saturday 27th September at 10am in the lounge. This is a precious opportunity for us to come together as God's family, seeking His direction for our church. We invite you to put aside the "essential jobs" that so easily fill our diaries and join us for two hours dedicated to prayer. Together we will listen for the Spirit's voice, lay down our own agendas, and ask the Lord to show us His plans. Please come and be part of this important time of prayer.

SAGE HOUSE DEMENTIA BUS – HERE ON TUESDAY - We're delighted to welcome the new Sage House Dementia Bus to the Community Café. This is a great opportunity to learn more about dementia and discover the support and services the charity provides. Please spread the word and invite friends, family, or anyone who might find this helpful. Come along, explore the bus, and enjoy refreshments with us. For further details talk to Clive.

This week's poem

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."—*John 15:5 (NIV)*

In life's most vulnerable moments - when we feel like we're skating on thin ice or lost in the dark - God doesn't abandon us. He gently calls us back to Himself. This poem reflects on those fragile times and the deep security we find when we're rooted once more in **Christ, the true Vine.**

Once I Was...

Once I was skating on ice far too thin,
Glistening outside, but cracking within.
One step from breaking, one breath from the fall -
No voice around me, no strength left to call.

Once I was walking with fear in my chest,
Each sound behind me disturbed my rest.
Footsteps on stairs, or close on the road—
I walked with a fear I never showed.

Once I was climbing with nothing to hold,
Chasing illusions, both reckless and bold.
A house with no shelter, a heart with no plan -
The storms made it clear how small is a man.

But then came a whisper, not loud but so clear:
"Where are you, My child? I've always been near."
The questions He asked were not to condemn -
But gently to lead me right back to Him.

Now I am rooted, not swaying alone,
Grafted in Christ, upheld and known.
He is my shelter, my light, and my vine -
His strength is the branch that steadies mine

TAB (The Aldwick bard)

TODAY' FLOWERS – The flowers today are in memory of my husband, Steve, who went to be with his Lord 25th September 2021. A servant of God here at Aldwick and in full time ministry. Jill

WELCOME TEAM TRAINING SESSIONS - Paul Kerley has offered us a free training session on welcoming at our church door this I feel is very important not only to say hello but any follow ups. There is no time scale at the moment but I feel that this would help us as a church the sessions are free most likely run for about 2hrs including refreshments. Please speak to me John Bell or contact me on 07583468369.

Prayer Wall ... and finally

As many of you will know Marie Stoneham became unwell during the service on Sunday. She was taken to hospital and diagnosed with dehydration and shingles. This meant her operation had to be postponed. Marie is now at home and is isolating herself until she is clear of infection. Please pray for ongoing healing and peace of mind.

Please pray too for Matt Woods as he continues his recovery from serious illness. Ask the Lord to keep the family safe and for them to be conscious of God's love and peace that He so willingly gives.

Please continue to pray for Joyce Kaufman and her family as they come to terms with Peter's death. Please thank the Lord for Peter's life and his willingness to help others whenever he was able.

Please continue to pray for Dorothy Ridley who is finding breathing very difficult at present. Pray too for Perrie and for Polly who have had recent health issues. Do thank the Lord they are able to continue to serve him through their service at the cafe.

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