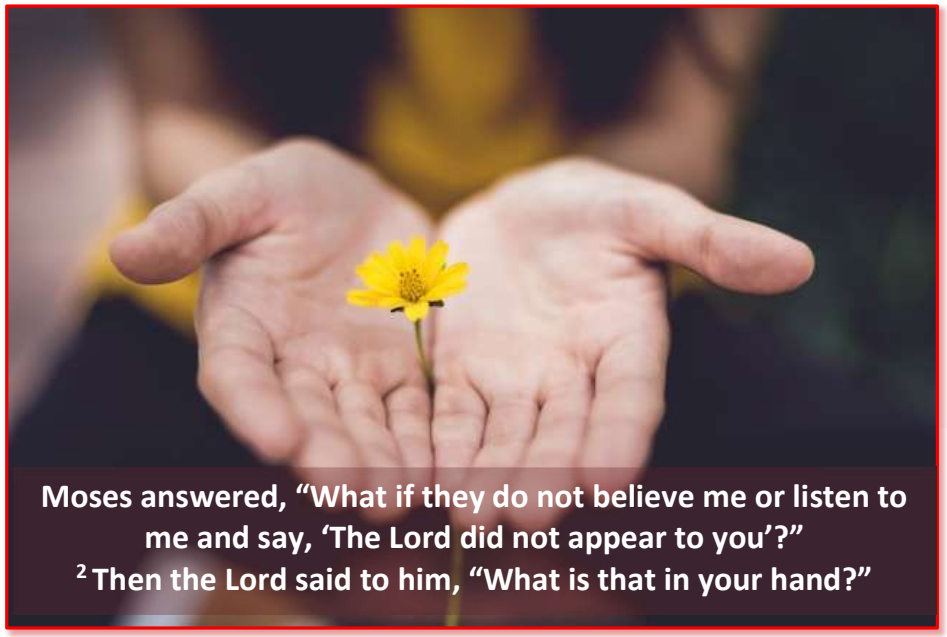
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Vision: Loving God, Loving Each Other, Loving Lost People

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



Sunday 12th October 2025

Series: When God asks the question

“What is in your hand?”

Reading: Exodus 4: 1 - 20

Simon Downing

SUNDAY’S WORSHIP SERVICE – Clive and his band will be leading us in worship as Simon returns to our thought-provoking series – ‘When God asks a question’. In part 4 of this series, God asks us, ‘What is in your hand?’ This is based on Exodus 4:1-20 – but how does it apply to us today? 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

ALPHA CELEBRATION NEXT SUNDAY – On Sunday 19th October, our church service will include the Alpha course group, who will be joining us as part of their special Alpha weekend focused on the Holy Spirit.

The service theme will be: “How can I make the most of the rest of my life?”

We’ll worship together with hymns, prayer, and Bible reading, but there will be two key differences:

- Instead of the usual sermon, we’ll watch the concluding Alpha video for the weekend.
- The church will be set up café-style, with refreshments available and time for table discussion.

This will be a relaxed and welcoming environment—ideal for first-time visitors—so please pray for the Alpha guests and come ready to encourage and connect.

This service will not be streamed. We’ll return to our usual service structure the following week which will include communion.

HARVEST CELERBRATIONS – FOLLOW UP – We hoped you all enjoyed the International Cuisine experience which raised £370 for Stonepillow. Thank you to everyone who provided the wonderful meals and the sterling work done by the kitchen team. Thank you too for your generous gifts you gave on Sunday. Corinne and her team took 3 carloads of food to Foodbank.

A MESSAGE FROM ACE SCHOOL FOR FRANK – ‘Our lovely Frank came to visit year 5 to teach them all about Jesus’ miracles. Frank has such a calm and inspiring way of capturing the children’s attention.

He made us all appreciate the power of faith and how we can all try anything if we put our mind to it.

In life we can feel unsure or frightened; it’s all about having the inner strength to go for something if you believe in it, finding self-belief and determination.

We feel extremely blessed that Frank gives up his time to see us and we cheer when we hear that he is visiting.’ **Please thank God for Frank’s ministry over the last 40 years to our local schools**

This week's poem

" *"Then the Lord said to him, 'What is that in your hand?'"*— Exodus 4:2

The Unexpected Visitor

There came a knock I didn't expect—
Right in the middle of sorting the bills.
The washing hummed, the kettle steamed,
My mind was juggling tasks and spills.
But something stirred beyond the door:
A whisper: "You were made for more."

He didn't ask for what I lacked,
Just pointed gently to my hand.
A worn-out pen, a listening ear,
A heart that tried to understand.
Not treasure rare or shining sword—
Just simple things I'd long ignored.

"My child," He said, "you hold enough.
Your time, your scars, your daily bread—
Your story shaped by joy and trial,
The prayers you've wept, the books you've read.
These are not small—they're kingdom keys.
Will you let Me use them, please?"

I paused—then smiled through humble tears.
So many days I'd turned away.
But now I saw my life anew—
Not just a job, but a call each day.
If Christ could use a shepherd's rod,
Then surely He could use what I've got.

So next time there's a knock that comes
When life feels full or plans are tight,
I'll lift what's in my hand to Him—
And trust He'll use it for what's right.
For all I have, though small it seems,
Might serve the God who gives all dreams.

TAB (The Aldwick bard)

ADVANCE NOTICE – The next quarterly family meeting will be held on Thursday, 23rd October at 7pm in the church. Please make every effort to join us.

... and finally

Prayer Wall

Please pray for Marie Stoneham who is currently in Ashling Ward at St. Richard's hospital following her recent fall. Pray for correct diagnosis, suitable treatment, peace of mind and healing.

Please pray forJon Crane who had an operation this week and is now recovering at home. Pray too for Michelle as she has been very worried about Jon for a long time and isn't well herself. Pray for peace of mind and healing.

Some sad news, Gary Eggington (Vivienne's son-in- law) and well know to many of us, died earlier this week after a long battle with cancer. Please pray for his wife Pam and the family as they grieve for their beloved Gary.

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 pray too for Matt Woods as he is back in hospital. Pray for healing. Pray too for Cilla and the family as they are all worried about Matt.

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