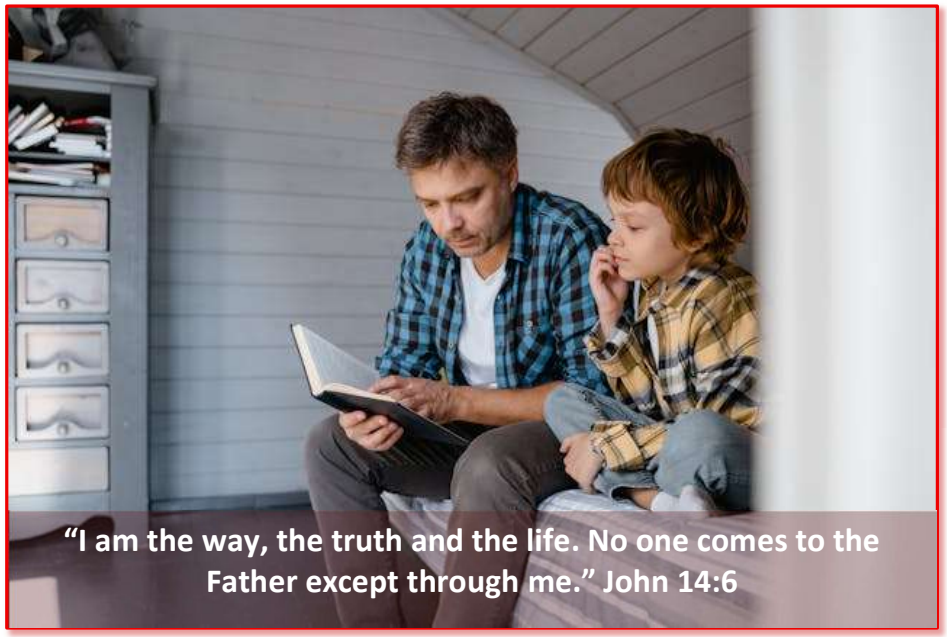
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Aldwick Baptist Church



Sunday 19th October 2025

ALPHA SUNDAY 'CAFÉ CHURCH'

"How can I make the most out of the rest of my life?"

Romans 12: 1 - 2

Clive Bennett, John & Joy Smith

TODAY'S SERVICE IS OUR ALPHA CELEBRATION SERVICE – This 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.

NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE – Hazel will be leading Brenda's band as we worship the Lord together. Derek will be continuing with our thought-provoking series – 'When God asks the question'. In part 5 of this series, God asks us, 'Can these bones live?' This is based on Ezekiel 37:1-14 an contains a message that is very relevant for each one of us today. Don't miss this. This service will also include communion.

IMPORTANT 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.

MY STORY FOR HIS GLORY - Have you experienced God's grace in your life? Take 5 minutes to share your testimony with the congregation - your story is unique and can inspire others! Speak, read, or have someone help you - just don't miss this chance to give thanks and praise to the Lord. If you'd like to share, let Clive know, and he' will coordinate a date with the worship leaders.

REMEMBERING A GREAT MAN - C. T. Studd was once a famous cricketer in England, playing for the national team at the height of his sporting career. But after coming to faith in Jesus Christ, he gave up fame, fortune, and comfort to become a missionary — first in China, then India, and finally in Africa.

When people questioned his decision to leave behind everything, he famously replied:

"If Jesus Christ be God and died for me, then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for Him."

Studd didn't just speak about faith—he lived it, wholeheartedly.

We should be doing the same!

Sometimes life takes us on unexpected paths — roads we wouldn't have chosen, detours we never planned. Yet, along the way, God is guiding us. This poem reflects on such a journey and the surprising realisation that Jesus has been walking with us all along — our way, our truth, and our life.

The Road I Didn't Expect

I set out one morning with map in my hand,
A route well-rehearsed, a path I had planned.
The sky held its promise, the air held its peace—
A day for exploring, for purpose, release.

The signposts grew fewer, the road bent and turned,
Through valleys uncharted and lessons unlearned.
I followed not knowing quite where it would lead—
My schedule surrendered to wonder and need.

I met a kind stranger who walked for a while,
He asked not for answers, just offered a smile.
He spoke of a kingdom, of life that was true,
Of doors that were open, of hearts made new.

And when we arrived at a place I'd not known,
It felt like returning, like finding home.
Not grandeur or glory, but peace everywhere—
And somehow, I knew that He'd led me there.

For He is the Way when I don't understand,
The Truth that I cling to, my Life in His hand.
The journey, once puzzling, is clearer today—
I found more than a place…
I found The Way.

TAB (The Aldwick bard)

TIME FOR A CHANGE? – Have you been sitting in the same seat since Noah launched the ark?
If you find the sound a bit too loud where you usually sit—or the sunlight from the windows a little too bright—why not try a new spot next Sunday?

You might discover:

- A better view
- A better balance of sound and light
- Or even someone new to talk to!

We promise your old seat will still recognise you when you return. But a little change can make a big difference — for you and for those around you.

Prayer Wall … and finally

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. Marie is struggling to walk at present and has to undertake a course of intensive physio as the doctors hope this will help.

Please continue to pray forJon Crane and Michelle as Jon slowly begins to get stronger. Jon and Michelle both want to thank you for your prayers.

Please pray too for Matt Woods who is back at home but remains very weak. Pray for healing. Pray too for Cilla and the family as they are all worried about Matt.

Please also pray for Mary's Edwards dad Roy who is ill. Pray too for Doreen Evans who is struggling at the moment. Pray too for Chris Grant, Ian Surrell and Frank – all who need God's healing hand and strength.

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