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

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.' John 8:12

Sunday 2nd November 2025

Our Family worship service

'Light in the darkness'

Matthew 5:14-16

John Smith and Simon Downing

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE– Join us for our monthly family service as Simon and his band lead us in inspiring worship! John, of course, will also return with one of his epic dramas which we hope will challenge you, bring light into your life and make you smile. The theme of the service is 'Light in the darkness' based on Matthew 5:14-16

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

BREAKFAST TIME – 9:30AM (All Ages Welcome) - Before the service, we invite you to Breakfast Time, open to everyone! This is a relaxed and welcoming space to share food, friendship, and conversation. It's a place to build relationships, show hospitality, and extend kindness and generosity - helping everyone feel valued and that they truly belong. As friendships grow, it's also an opportunity for conversations about faith to naturally develop over time. Don't miss this chance to connect, celebrate, and worship together!

NEXT WEEKEND'S REMEMBRANCE SERVICE – 9th November 2025. Hazel will be leading Brenda's band as we remember those who lost their lives in the many wars in the last 100 years. Simon will be bringing God's word to us.

SHOE BOX APPEAL - A quick reminder that the last date for collection of shoe boxes is this weekend, Sunday November 2nd. Brenda

ADVANCED NOTICE – Saturday, 15th November **TEAR FUND QUIZ NIGHT** starting at 7pm. Please support this worthwhile charity by booking your place through secretary@aldwickbaptist.co.uk or by ringing Clive on 07951 985432.

THE WELL – Ian and Brenda are pleased to tell that through your generosity; they have been able to donate £200 to the Bognor Regis Foodbank this week.

THE COMMUNITY CAFÉ – Not only is the Community Café a great place to relax and chat with friends old but also, thanks to your support, Perrie and the team have been able to donate £100 to St Wilfrid's Hospice this week and £100 to THE WELL.

FOODBANK - We are very grateful to all those who donate items for the Bognor Foodbank. Current urgently needed items are: Tinned rice puddings, Biscuits, UHT fruit juice, Peanut Butter and Honey. Please place them in the donation point on the left hand side of the church foyer. Thank you very much.

HOMEGROUPS – Are you a member of a homegroup? If not – why not? They are great places to dig into God's word, to really get to know people and share your prayer requests. If you want to know more, just talk to me. Derek

'You are the light of the world... let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.'*—Matthew 5:14, 16 (NIV)*

Jesus calls us not only to receive His light, but to reflect it. Whether we're emerging from a dark season or helping others find their way, His presence brings clarity, courage, and hope. This poem invites us to reflect on the real-world moments where light breaks in—and the truth that Christ Himself is the Light we carry.

Out of Darkness Cometh Light

I walked through a tunnel, the echoes were cold,
The silence was heavy, the shadows were bold.
But far in the distance, a flicker took flight—
A whisper of hope in the absence of light.

A blindfold removed, and colours came clear,
What once was confusion gave way to the near.
Shapes took on meaning, the world was in view—
And light brought the wonder I never quite knew.

I reached for the switch in a room full of gloom,
And instantly joy danced across every room.
What once was in hiding came out into sight—
The fear lost its footing when faced with the light.

A door cracked open on a cold winter's night
And in stepped a stranger who carried the light.
Not fire or torch, but truth in His face—
A radiant presence, a mercy-filled grace.

Now I walk forward, not all answers in hand,
But guided by Christ, the Light of the land.
For He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life—
The glow in our darkness, the end of our strife.

TAB (The Aldwick bard)

A BIG THANKYOU to all the people who have helped make our current Alpha series so successful. Thank you especially to the leaders, John, Joy and Clive but also to the dessert makes, the room preparers and prayer warriors who have supported the group in prayer.

Prayer Wall ... and finally

MOST URGENT - Please pray for Ian Surrell who was rushed back to St. Richards early on Thursday and is currently in the Acute Emergency Ward. The doctors are trying to stabilise his heart which is now weakened even further. Please pray for healing, peace of mind and thank God for the skills of the medics.

Please thank God that Ronnie has had his operation on his detached retina and is now back at home convalescing. Please pray for healing and full vision.
Please continue to pray for Marie who is currently receiving extensive physio at Bognor Regis Memorial Hospital. Please pray for healing.
Please continue to pray for Matt Woods and his family; for Jon and Michelle; for Ingrida; for Doreen Evans; for Frank and for II who need God's healing hand and strength.

Please also pray for Nan Everett who was taken ill in our service last Sunday. Simon reports that Nan seems to be on the mend. Pray too for Angela Halfacree, Pam Kerley and David Hanchard - all who need God's healing touch. Pray too for Molly, Pam Brown and Mo Howland in their respective care homes.

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