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

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



Sunday 5th October 2025

Our Harvest Celebration

Reading: Matthew 13:1-8, 18-23

John, Simon and Derek

SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE – Do come and join us for our monthly family service as Simon and his band lead us in inspiring worship! This week, we will celebrate the Lord's generous provision in the harvest, giving thanks for His goodness and faithfulness throughout the year. Come with your family and friends to enjoy a joyful time of praise, reflection, and thanksgiving.

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 WORSHIP SERVICE – 12th October 2025. 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 3 of this series, God asks us, 'What is in your hand?' This is based on Exodus 4:2 – but how does it apply to us today? Don't miss this.

HARVEST DONATIONS - Harvest donations can be brought to the church either on Saturday 4th October (at the International Cuisine evening) or before the service on Sunday 5th October. Donations will be given to Foodbank. Their shopping list is: Tinned veg, tinned fruit, soup, tinned tomatoes, rice pudding and custard, tinned meals/meat, tinned fish, cooking sources, squash/juice.

CAN YOU HELP? We need one or two additional drivers to help with delivering the Foodbank donations from our Harvest offering on Sunday. The donations will need to be delivered to the Bognor Foodbank, which is now at The Hope Centre, Saint Wilfrid Church, Ellasdale Road, Bognor Regis, PO21 2SG. Opening hours for receiving donations are: Tuesdays 11.30am – 1.30pm & 2pm – 4pm, Thursdays 11am – 1pm, Fridays 10.30am – 2.30pm. We will bag all items up after the service on Sunday, for you to pick up. If you can help, please let us now as soon as possible. Corinne and Richard Cheffers.

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.

This week's poem

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?'" — Isaiah 6:8

As we celebrate the bounty of the harvest, God calls each of us to reflect on His mission. The fields are ripe, and His voice echoes through the ages, asking, "Who will go for us?" This poem explores the journey of searching, getting lost, and ultimately finding the way—reminding us that Christ leads the path and calls us to step forward in faith and service.

"Whom Shall I Send?"

The fields are golden, waving in the sun,
A harvest ready, the work begun.
The earth has yielded its richest grain,
The fruit of toil, the reward of rain.

The barns are full, the baskets brim,
Yet God's great work calls beyond the rim.
For as the harvest grows in fields we see,
So grows His kingdom eternally.

Then comes a whisper, gentle yet clear,
"Whom shall I send? Who will come near?"
The call echoes softly over hill and vale,
Through city streets, along every trail.

The harvest waits for willing hands,
To carry the message to distant lands.
Not just bread from earth, but bread from above,
The living Word, the gospel of love.

So hear the call in morning's light,
Step forward boldly, embrace the fight.
For God's harvest is more than grain or vine,
It's souls to save, hearts to align.

"Here I am, Lord," may we boldly say,
"To go, to serve, to love today."
The fields are ready, the Master waits,
And He calls for hearts that open their gates.

TAB (The Aldwick bard)

PETER KAUFMAN – Peter's funeral service will be held on Wednesday 8th October at Chichester Crematorium at 1.30pm followed by refreshments back at the church. You are all invited to join Joyce and the family.

Prayer Wall

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OUR MONTHLY FAMILY PRAYER MEETING
Tuesday, 7th October at 7pm in the church. Do join us as we seek God's will for the church here at ABC.

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 for Molly Hawkins as she misses her own home and the freedom it brings. Pray for peace of mind and thank the Lord that she is still able to worship the Lord.

Please pray for Stuart and Joyce Filby who are currently witnessing in Bhutan, a tiny and remote kingdom nestling in the Himalayas between its powerful neighbours, India and China. It is a Buddhist kingdom with very few Christians. On their last visit Stuart gave the king his personal Bible and asked hime to read it. They will be meeting the king again. Pray for wisdom, clarity of though and expression, safety and a positive outcome.

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