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

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



'Be cheerful with joyous celebration in every season of life. Let your joy overflow!' (Philippians 4:4)

Sunday 16th November 2025

The Alpha celebration service

'What about the Church?'

Romans 12:3-8

Clive Bennett, John and Joy Smith

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE–Please join us for the culmination of our Alpha series as we gather to celebrate God's guiding hand throughout this series. John, Joy and Clive will be leading us throughout the service with Simon's band leading the worship. As this service will include two Alpha videos, it **WILL NOT BE STREAMED** through possible copyright issues. Streaming will return next week.

NEXT WEEKEND'S WORSHIP SERVICE – 23rd November 2025. Clive's band will be leading worship before Simon returns to our series, 'When God asks the question.' This will be part 6, when God asks us, 'Why are you so afraid?' based on Jesus' question to the disciples (Matthew 8:26). Don't miss this!

SHOE BOX APPEAL – They are on the way!! The boxes are at our local pick up point in Chichester and will commence their final journey next week. Please pray for all who distribute the boxes, pray for their safety as they aim to reach such places as Gaza and Ukraine, and also for all the children for whom your box will be the only Christmas present they have. So many, many thanks for your generosity. May you be blessed by your actions in Christs name. Brenda.

MATT WOOD – Matt's funeral will take place on Thursday 11th December 10:30 at the crematorium, followed by a Thanksgiving service back at the church. More details to follow. Please continue to pray for the family.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

Sunday 30th November – Advent 1 – Who do you say I am?

Sunday 7th December – Advent 2 – Our family nativity service

Sunday 14th December – Advent 3 - The Branch that bears fruit - Isaiah 11v1-9

Wednesday 17th December 3.00pm – Our midweek carol service

Sunday 21st December Advert 4 – The Promised Ruler - Micah 5v1-5

Thursday 25th December – Our Christmas day service

Sunday 28th December – When God asks the question – part 8 – 'Do you love me?

HIDDEN TALENTS – Do you have a gift you're not yet using?
Whether it's a warm welcome, making tea, playing music, reading aloud, praying with others – or something else entirely—perhaps God is calling you to use it for His Church.

You don't need to be perfect – just willing.
If you'd like to get involved, speak to one of the leadership team. Let's grow together, as the body of Christ. Derek

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, UHT milk, Instant coffee** Please place them in the donation point on the left hand side of the church foyer. Thank you very much. Corinne.

This week's poem

'Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.'
– 1 Corinthians 12:27 (NIV)

In our series *When God Asks the Question*, we pause this week to reflect on a question that isn't always asked out loud but is often felt: **What is Church?** This poem explores that question – not through bricks and rituals, but through people, presence, and purpose – centred on Christ, our Head and our hope.

What Is Church?

Is it walls and windows, steeple and stone?
A pew to sit in, a seat of my own?
A hymnbook held, a bell that rings –
Is church just made of earthly things?

Or is it laughter in a crowded hall,
A whispered prayer, a Spirit's call?
A tear that's shared, a hand held tight –
A beacon glowing in the night?

Is it the bread, the cup, the name,
A table set in Jesus' frame?
The broken made whole, the lost brought in,
A family formed from shame and sin.

It is voices raised, but also stilled,
A heart once empty, now gently filled.
It's walking on when hope feels thin –
And finding Christ is there within.

So what is church? It's *you*, it's *me*,
God's people growing faithfully.
A gathered grace, a scattered light,
A body shaped by love's pure might.

Not perfect yet, but called to be
A glimpse of God for all to see.
His hands, His feet, His dwelling place –
A people marked by truth and grace.

TAB (The Aldwick bard)

… and finally

Prayer Wall

Please pray for:

- Cilla, Tony, Briana and Alexander at this very difficult time as they cope with Matt's loss.
- Ian who is still in St. Richard's hospital as the doctor's struggle to remove the excess fluid around his heart before they can operate.
- Ronnie following his recent eye operation which may may giving up his job.
- Marie who is currently receiving extensive physio at Bognor Regis Memorial Hospital. Please pray for healing for in each case.
- Eileen Miller who will be known to some of you. Eileen is bed bound and finding life very difficult.
- For Angela Halfacree as she continues to struggle with her health
- For David Hanchard and his ongoing problems with his ankle.
- For Paul Cox at Southbourne Free Church as he continues to seek out new ways of attracting people to this small church.
- For renewed energy for Simon as he continues to encourage us to love God in the way He deserves. Pray too for his family,

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