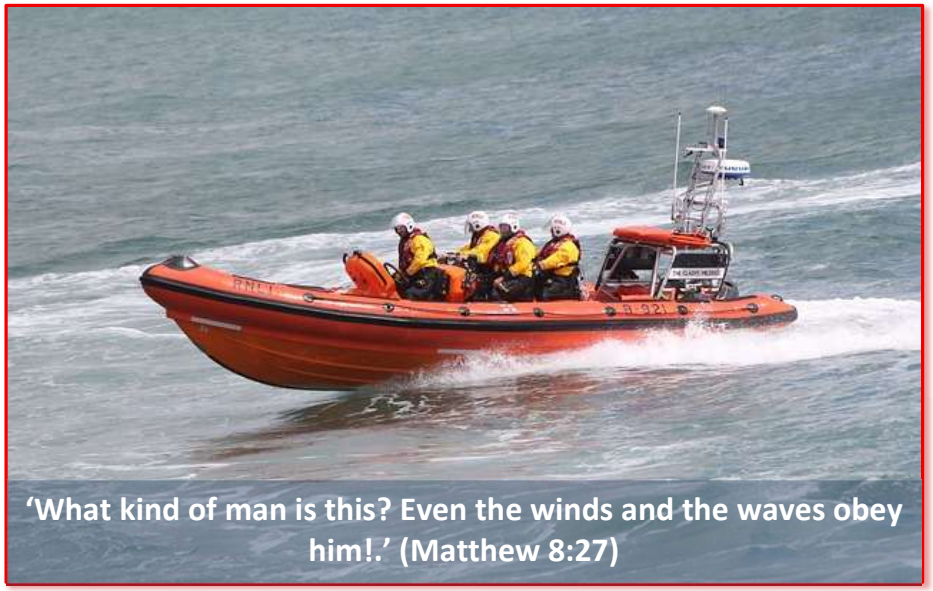
aldwickbaptistchurch

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

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



'What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!.' (Matthew 8:27)

Sunday 23rd November 2025

Series: When God asks the question

Part 7 – 'Why are you so afraid?'

Matthew 8: 23 - 27

Simon Downing

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE– Clare will be leading Clive's band as we worship the Lord together. Simon then 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). Simon's message will include some specific words given by God to Simon - so don't miss this! This service will include communion.

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

NEXT WEEKEND'S WORSHIP SERVICE – 30th November 2025. Simon's band will be leading worship before Derek continues with our series, 'When God asks the question.' This will be part 7 when God asks us, 'Who do you say I am?' based on Jesus' question to the disciples (Matthew16:15). This will also be the first Sunday in Advent which begins with Isaiah calling for God's people to 'Prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God' (Isaiah 40:3).

CHRISTMAS CRAFT EVENING – Thursday, 27th November at 7.15pm. Please book a place with Nicky or text on 07943537785. There will £5 charge, payable on the night, to cover materials and refreshments. Any profits will go to the Well Fund. If anyone is available to set up on Thursday morning or to rearrange the chairs on Friday morning, please let me know. Thanks, Nicky.

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?

FOODBANK – We are very grateful to all those who donate items for the Bognor Foodbank. Current items urgently needed: **Spreads (peanut butter/honey) Tinned rice puddings, Toilet rolls, UHT fruit juice, UHT milk.** Please place them in the donation point on the left-hand side of the church foyer. We would be grateful if you could check that all items are in date and unopened. Thank you very much for your continued support and generosity. Corinne

This week's poem

Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm. 'You of little faith, why are you so afraid?'– Matthew 8:26 (NIV)

Life's storms don't always come with crashing waves — sometimes they arrive quietly through unexpected news, uncertainty, or anxiety. This poem reflects on the fears we face in today's world and reminds us that, even in the silence, **Jesus is still present**. He doesn't shame us for our fear — He gently invites us to trust Him again.

Still, He Is with Me

The phone call came, the voice was low,
The news hit hard, too much to know.
The questions came, the answers fled—
And fear moved in, uninvited, unsaid.

The bills piled high, the work ran dry,
A silent ache, a worried sigh.
The world kept spinning, fast and wide,
But peace was lost, and hope would hide.

The room fell quiet, the night grew long,
The silence sang a fearful song.
The things once certain slipped away—
And courage failed by light of day.

Yet in the stillness came a breath,
Not loud, not harsh, not full of depth—
But just enough to make me see
That He was still right here with me.

He didn't scold, He didn't leave,
He only whispered, *'Just believe.'*
Then gently asked with love, not dread:
'Why are you so afraid?' He said.

TAB (The Aldwick bard)

... and finally

Prayer Wall

Please continue to pray for Marie who is currently receiving extensive physio at Bognor Regis Memorial Hospital. The team looking after Marie are gradually getting things together for her to go home. Please pray for ongoing healing, a carefully thought out care plan and a successive return to her home. Do thank the Lord, that despite all of the trauma that Marie has been through, she remains as cheerful as ever.

Please pray urgently for Rachel and William as Rachel is pregnant but is very sick with it. Rachel has been on a drip and had various other treatment but she is very dehydrated at present. This must also be very upsetting for Charlie and the rest of the family. Please pray urgently for healing and peace of mind for the whole family.

Please also pray for Ian Surrell who is still receiving treatment at St. Richard's hospital. Please pray that the doctors can come with a plan that will meet Ian's needs. Please pray too for Jon Crome who is at Richard's with breathing difficulties and high blood pressure. Pray too for Michelle who is struggling to cope at present.

Head of the Church	Jesus Christ
Minister	Simon Downing (Tel.07411 919928) email: pastor@aldwickbaptist.co.uk
Church Secretary:	Clive Bennett (Tel: 07951 985 432) email: secretary@aldwickbaptist.co.uk
Treasurer/Elder	Derek Robinson (Tel: 01243 866238) email: contact@aldwickbaptist.co.uk
Deacons	Brenda (265984), John (837181), Joy (837181) John Bell (07506 035 363)
Church	Tel. 07743 257860