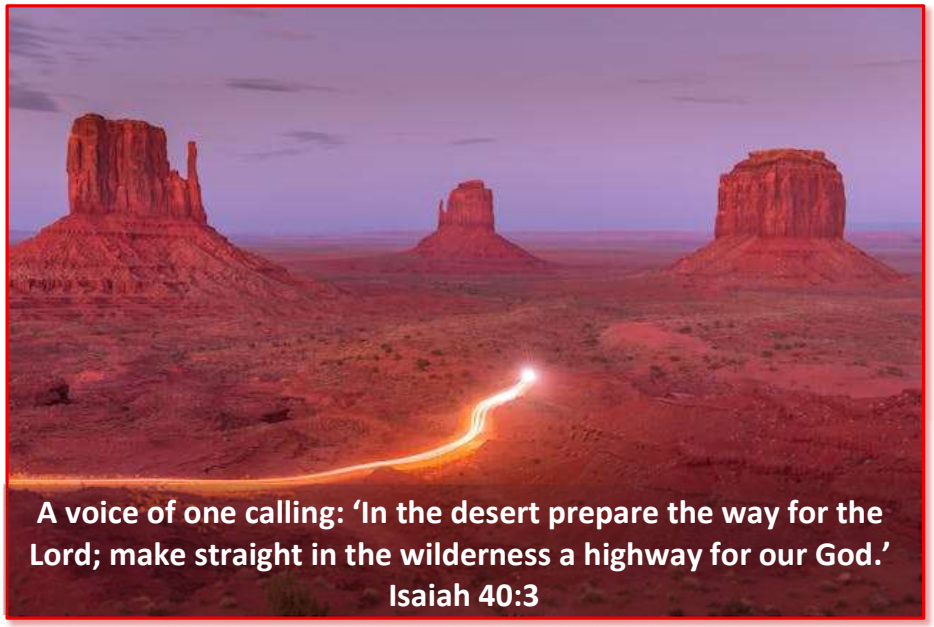
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Vision: Loving God, Loving Each Other, Loving Lost People

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



Sunday 30th November 2025

Series: When God asks the question

Part 7 – 'Who do you say I am?'

Isaiah 40:1-5, Matthew 16:13-20

Derek Robinson

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE – 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).

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 FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE – 7th December 2025. 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.

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!

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

CAROLS OUTSIDE THE GREENGROCER'S SHOP – Saturday 6th December at 12.15 – 12.45 pm. This is part of a community event organised by Oakmeres and the Chatterbox café. There will be various stalls, and we have been asked to provide the carol singing. Please see Brenda if you are able to join in this great opportunity to witness to the community**.**

CHURCHES TOGETHER – THE LIVE NATIVITY – SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER
Get your children, your grandparents and your Aunties looking festive, perhaps a bit like an angel or a shepherd or even a donkey, and come along. We will be gathering in London Road at 11.30am and be reminding Bognor residents about the real reason for Christmas, inviting them back to Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Centre for a mince pie and cup of tea.

FOODBANK – We are very grateful to all those who donate items for the Bognor Foodbank. Current urgently needed items are: **Tinned rice puddings/Custard, 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

As Christmas draws near, we're surrounded by music, lights, and celebration. But beneath all the tradition lies a deeper question: What does Christmas really mean to you?

This poem invites us to pause, reflect, and rediscover the wonder of God's love – made real in Jesus, who came not just for a season, but for our salvation.

What Does Christmas Mean to You?

What does Christmas mean to you?
A quiet night or shopping queue?
The smell of pine, the sound of cheer,
A memory wrapped from yesteryear?

Is it gifts beneath a twinkling tree,
Or laughter shared with family?
A table full, a toast well made,
Or thoughts of those who've slipped away?

Is it carols sung by candlelight,
Or stars that pierce the frosted night?
Is it joy that fades when days are through,
Or something deeper calling you?

For once there came a child so small –
No throne, no crown, no royal hall.
Yet in His cry, the world was stirred:
God's love had come in flesh and Word.

So what does Christmas mean to you?
Just festive lights – or something true?
A Saviour born to make us new,
To bring us home, to walk us through.

Come, see beyond the tinsel bright –
Come meet the One who is the Light.
For Christmas means that God came near…
And still He whispers, *"I am here."*

TAB (The Aldwick bard)

PREACHING TEAM – I will be preaching at Southbourne Free Church next Sunday. Please pray for this small but dedicated group of faithful Christians and their minister Paul Cox. If anyone wants to join me there, just let me know. Derek.

Prayer Wall ... and finally

Please pray for:

- Ernie Payne who recently fell and fractured his hip. He is currently in a lot of pain. Please pray for pain relief, healing and peace of mind for Ernie and the family.
- 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.
- For Angela Halfacree as she continues to struggle with her health
- For David Hanchard and his ongoing problems with his ankle.
- For renewed energy and strength 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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