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

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



Sunday 14th December 2025

Advent 3: Fruitfulness at Christmas

Luke 2:52, Isaiah 11:1-10, John 15:1-17

Clive Bennett

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE – Simon will be leading Brenda's band before Clive brings God's word to us for Advent III. The title of his talk is 'Fruitfulness at Christmas' based on Luke 2:52, Isaiah 11:1-10, John 15:1-17.

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 SERVICES– 21st December 2025. Join us for part 4 of our advent season as Simon and his band lead us in inspiring worship! Our dear friend, Stuart Filby will be bringing God's word to us. In the evening, we will be holding our annual candlelight carol service starting at 6pm. Do join us if you are able.

CHRISTMAS IS NEARLY HERE – Please make a note of these times and dates.

Wednesday 17th December – 3pm – Our midweek Carol service

Sunday 21st December – 10.30am – Advent 4 – Stuart Filby

Sunday 21st December – 6.00pm – Carols by Candlelight

Thursday 25th December – 10.30am – Our Christmas day celebration.

Sunday 28th December – 10.30am – 'Do you love me?' – Derek Robinson

FOODBANK – We will be collecting all Foodbank donations on Sunday 14 December to take to the Bognor Foodbank in the following week.

The latest urgently needed items are: Toilet Rolls, Laundry pods, Washing up liquid, Tinned vegetables, Christmas items. Please place them in the donation point on the left hand side of the church foyer. Thank you very much for your continued support and generosity. Corinne

CALLING ALL CAKE MAKERS – WE KNEAD YOU! On Wednesday 17th December at 3pm, we're holding our much-loved **Midweek Carol Service** – the only afternoon service we offer – and we'd love it to be a truly welcoming occasion, especially for those who may not find it easy to attend our regular Sunday gatherings. **PLEASE INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS.**

As always, the short service will be followed by refreshments and homemade cakes – and that's where you come in! We're calling on all our talented bakers to help us bless our guests with a festive spread. If you can bake a cake (or two!) to share, please let Liz Nichols or Derek know. Let's make this a sweet time of celebration, friendship, and welcome. So - Ready, steady… bake!

Christmas celebration – Glorious Night will now be held at Barnham Community Hall (PO22 0AY) on 20th December at 7pm. For further details go to https://westergatefellowship.co.uk/.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY – For Cilla, Tony, Briana and Alexander after the loss of Matt.

This week's poem

"But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.'" – *Luke 2:10 (NIV).*

As we journey through this joyful season, our church calendar is full of opportunities to gather, reflect, sing, and celebrate the good news of Christmas together. The poem below highlights each of our upcoming events — from carols and cakes to Christmas morning — and reminds us that **Jesus is at the heart of it all**.

Come Join the Celebration

The candles glow, the stars shine bright,
We gather once more in Advent light.
On **Wednesday 17th**, come take your seat,
With **carols and cake** — a midweek treat!

Then **Sunday morn, the twenty-first**,
Stuart shares hope as hearts are nursed.
And that same day, when evening falls,
We'll raise our voices in **Candlelit Carols**.

Then **Christmas Day at half past ten**,
We'll celebrate His birth again.
No better gift could heaven send,
Than Christ our Saviour, Lord and Friend.

As **twenty-eight** draws near year's end,
We'll hear from Derek — "*Do you love Me, friend?*"
A question asked from heart to heart,
To guide us in a brand-new start.

So bring a friend, invite with cheer —
Let's share the joy as Christmas nears.
With welcome warm and love sincere,
Let's celebrate — **for Christ is here**.

TAB (The Aldwick bard)

Prayer needed:

Karen Bourdillon has asked us to pray for someone who is lost in Australia which is causing a lot of concern. Please pray that he is found soon.

Rachael Holwill remains unwell. Please pray for healing and peace of mind for William and Charlie. Pray too for Jackie who is unwell.

Roy Edwards (Mary Edward's dad) who remains unwell. Again please pray for wisdom, peace of mind and healing.

... and finally

Prayer Wall

Please pray for:

- Ian Surrell who is now back at home. Do thank the Lord. Please pray for ongoing coping strategies to be developed, peace of mind and Ian's positive attitude to florish.
- Margaret Raines who is being monitored carefully whilst the doctors decide how to proceed. Again please pray for wisdom and healing.
- Marie Stoneham is also anxious to come home but is waiting on the hospital organising a suitable care plan. Marie is still not able to walk which means she will need a lot of support when she finally gets to come home. Please pray for wisdom and healing.
- Ernie Payne is nearing the end of his eartly life. Helen wants you know that their prayers are now for a peaceful passing. His consultant phoned her yesterday and they are no longer doing anything to actively keep him alive but are referring to the hospital palliative care team.
- Please too for Frank Yorkston who is still in a lot of pain from his right hip - this means Farnk has had to cancel his school visits which is very sad for Frank and the children. Please pray for urgent action by the medical staff and healing.

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