... and finally

Prayer Wall

Please pray 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.
- Cilla, Tony, Briana and Alexander as they have to adjust to life without Matt.
- Joy Smith who has been unwell for some time. Please pray for healing.
- Roy Edwards (Mary's dad) who is still in St. Richard's hospital. Pray too for Mary.
- Joyce Kaufman as she approaches Christmas without Peter by her side.
- Joyce Filby who is having difficulting walking at present.

Do thank the Lord for:

Simon's weekly pastoral visits to our members and friends both in our local hospitals and nursing homes and for the comfort this brings to our members there.
Stuart and Joyce's pastoral visits to people in places near and far.
The steady flow of new people drawn to ABC looking for the Lord.

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ABC NEWS

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'... So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.
Luke 2:16

Sunday 21st December 2025

Advent 4: The Promised Ruler

Luke 2:8-20

Stuart Filby

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE – This morning, Simon will be leading us in worship, as we continue our Advent journey. Stuart will bring God's Word, exploring the theme: 'The Promised Ruler', based on *Luke 2:8–20* — the angel's announcement that changed everything. We will also be sharing communion together, as we remember the One who came — not just to be born, but to save.

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

THIS EVENING'S CAROL SERVICE – Join us this evening at 6pm for our annual Candlelight Carol Service — a special time of readings, carols, and reflection as we celebrate the light of Christ coming into the world. After the service, we warmly invite you to stay for refreshments and festive fellowship. We'd love to see you there!

OUR CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE – Come and celebrate the birth of Jesus with us on Christmas morning at 10:30am. This joyful, family-friendly service will last around 45 minutes, and is a wonderful way to begin your Christmas Day. We gather not just as individuals, but as a family of believers, united by our shared faith in Jesus — the greatest gift of all. Whether you come with loved ones or on your own, you'll be among friends. All are welcome!

NEXT WEEKEND'S WORSHIP SERVICE – 28th December 2025. Join us as Claire leads us in worship, and Derek concludes our series *"When God Asks the Question"* with one of the most personal and powerful questions Jesus ever asked: "Do you love me?" It's the question He asked Peter… And it's the question He asks each one of us today. How will you answer?

A BIG THANK YOU – A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make our Midweek Carol Service such a joyful and memorable occasion — especially for the many guests and non-church members who joined us. Thank you to the amazing cake makers (they were fabulous!), to Clive and the band for leading us so beautifully in song, to the hard-working, under appreciated back desk team, our readers, and all those who prepared and served refreshments with such care. It was a true team effort — and as I left, I couldn't help but think: 'It's beginning to feel a bit like Christmas!'

ERNIE PAYNE – Our dear friend Ernie went to be with the Lord on Wednesday after a short illness. I will remember him as always being cheerful and supportive. We will miss him greatly. Do thank the Lord for his life and pray for peace of mind for Helen, David, Hayley and Daniel.

"Be still, and know that I am God."
– Psalm 46:10 (NIV)

At this time of year, it's easy to be swept up in the noise and rush of the season — even when our hearts long for something deeper. The poem below invites us to slow down, be still, and listen afresh for the quiet voice of Jesus — who still speaks, even in the chaos, to all who will pause and hear.

In the Rush and in the Stillness

The lists grow long, the days fly past,
The moments blur, they never last.
We wrap, we plan, we shop, we race —
And call it joy, but lose our place.

The roads are full, the tills all ring,
Our calendars hold everything.
We chase the lights, the perfect tree —
And miss the gift that sets us free.

But in a manger, still and bare,
A whisper waits the willing ear.
Not wrapped in gold or grand display,
But *"Come and see... and walk My way."*

He will not shout above the din,
But knock — and wait — to be let in.
So hush the noise, and clear some space,
For Christ still speaks with truth and grace.

Not to condemn, but call you near,
To lift your load and calm your fear.
So in this season, pause and pray:
"Lord, what are You saying to me today?"

TAB (The Aldwick bard)

THERE REALLY IS NO PLACE LIKE HOME – So do thank the Lord for some very good news this week.

MARIE STONEHAM has finally been given the go ahead to come home after several weeks in hospital. She will be in a wheelchair and so it will take some time for her to adjust to a new way of life. One thing that we can be sure of is that Marie will be as chirpy as ever.

IAN SURRELL is also back at home and was able to join us at our midweek carol service. Naturally Ian was as positive as ever.

MARGARET RAINES is also back at home and will be joining us at Church soon.