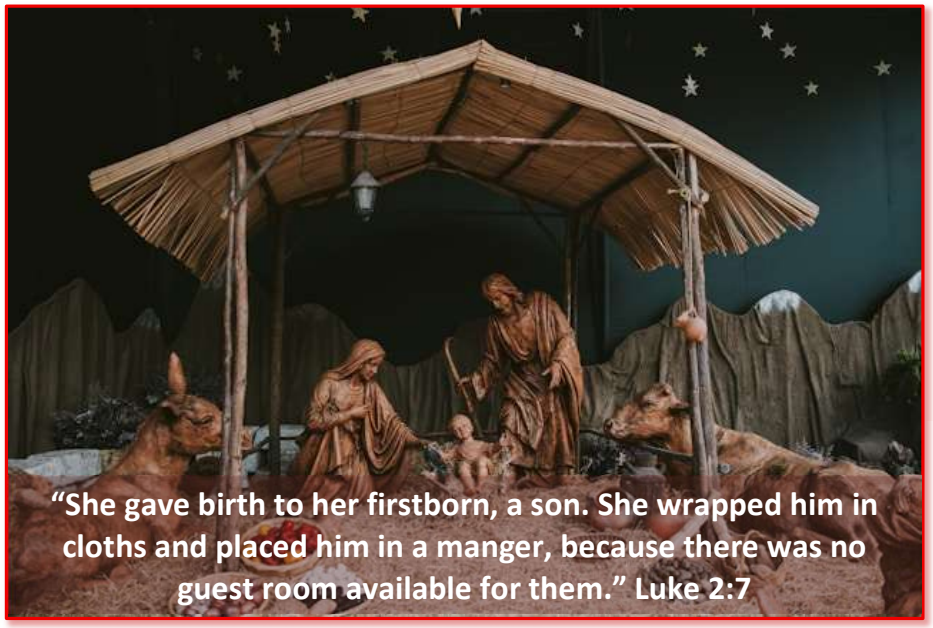
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ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



Sunday 7th December 2025

Our Family Worship service

Advent II - The Nativity

Luke 1: 26–38

John Smith and Simon Downing

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE – Join us for our monthly family service as Simon and his band lead us in a selection of Christmas Carols! This is our annual Nativity service based on Luke26-38. Looking at the programme, it seems as though not everybody was full of joy that night as the 'grumpy innkeeper' takes centre stage – at least for a while.

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

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!

NEXT WEEKEND'S SERVICE – 14th December 2025. 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.

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. Please continue to pray for the family.

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.

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!

DON'T FORGET - 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.

"But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today… a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.'"– *Luke 2:10–11 (NIV)*

The nativity story is full of wonder — angels singing, shepherds rushing, and wise men following stars. But what about the background characters? The animals, the innkeeper, the ordinary people who didn't even notice what was happening. This light-hearted poem gives a gentle nod to those on the edges of the story — and reminds us that, even in the quiet corners, **Jesus came for us all.**

The Nativity No One Noticed

The shepherds were startled, the wise men amazed,
And Mary and Joseph were truly unfazed.
The angels sang loud in the Bethlehem sky,
While the innkeeper muttered, "No room — but you can try…"

A stable was offered — not quite five-star,
With hay in the trough and a breeze from afar.
The donkey looked on with a snort and a stare,
"I carried her all the way — no fanfare!"

A chicken clucked softly, a mouse squeaked a prayer,
While a cow gave a nod — like she knew who was there.
No palace, no trumpets, no royal decree,
Just whispering stars and a world set free.

The soldiers, the bakers, the man at the well,
The people in markets with stories to tell —
Most of them missed it, just passed it all by,
While heaven lit up one quiet night sky.

So now when we gather with glitter and cheer,
Let's pause and remember who drew so near.
For tucked in that stable, so humble and small,
Was the Saviour, the King, the Hope of us all.

TAB (The Aldwick bard)

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, Peanut Butter and Honey. Please place them in the donation point on the left-hand side of the church foyer. Thank you very much.

PREACHING TEAM – I am preaching at Southbourne Free Church this Sunday. Please pray for this small but dedicated group of faithful Christians and their minister Paul Cox. Derek.

Prayer Wall … and finally

Ian Surrell's doctors have decded not to go ahead with the operation as they feel it is too risky. Instead they are going to increase his medication in order to get the fluid level down. They are then hoping Ian will be able to come home. Please pray that the medication works and Ian can come home soon.

Ernie remains unwell. He finds it difficult to wake up and is quite distressed. Please pray for him and the family.
Marie remains as cheerful as ever but is still waiting for the nursing and care package to be sorted so that she can then come home. Please pray for a breakthrough.

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 Jackie and that the problems with her eye can soon be diagnosed and treated accordingly. Please pray for healing.
Pray too for healing for Jon and Michelle who are both unwell.

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