PRAYER CORNER

28th February Prayer Day – 9.00am to 6.00pm. Periodically we devote a day to covering the church with prayer. Joy has the master list and the idea is to "sign up" for an hour or so and cover the whole day. Be inspired by this verse: "Devote yourself to prayer with an alert mind and thankful heart" Col.4:2 NLT.

Are you in need of prayer? Then contact one of the leadership team or email contact@aldwickbaptist.co.uk for your prayer needs to be circulated.

PRAYER NEEDS

Please can you pray for Mary & David West (Hazel's parents). David has Parkinson's disease. Things continue to get tougher as the disease progresses. Haze & Jay would also value prayer at the moment, as Haze is struggling health wise which has prevented them being able to visit her parents. Please can you pray for peace for the whole West/Lodge family as they support Mary & David.

Jon Crome would like to thank everyone for their prayers for Michelle who is now back at home. Please continue to pray for her as she is exhausted and still has the worry of waiting for an appointment with a heart specialist.

Please continue to pray for Ray and Heather Craddock as they are both unwell at present. Ray has a suspected blood clot. Please pray for healing and peace of mind.

Please continue to pray for Arthur Magee as he is still suffering from the aftereffects of his recent car accident. He is also having problems with his hearing with may be a technical problem with his hearing aid. Please pray for a solution.

Please continue to pray for John Cowley, for Frank and Margaret Beckett. who I still in a lot of pain with his sciatica. Pray for pain relief and healing.

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

ABC NEWS



"Listen! A farmer went out to sow his seed. (Mark 4:3)

Sunday 22nd February 2026

Series: The Magnificence of the Messiah

Part VI – The parable of the Sower

Mark 4: 1-20

Simon Downing

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE – Do join us as Simon and his band lead us in inspiring worship before he continues our series, "The Magnificence of the Messiah" – Part VI. In this next message we will see Jesus the Teacher — not merely offering wise advice, but speaking with authority that astonishes crowds and challenges hearts. When Jesus teaches, people are not left neutral. His words uncover motives, confront assumptions, and reveal truth with clarity and power. What makes His teaching different from every other voice? And what happens when His words move from information… to transformation? Come ready to listen, to reflect, and to encounter the One who's teaching still carries life-changing authority today.

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 – 1st February 2026. Do join us for our monthly family service as Simon and his band lead us in inspiring worship! This service may have a new twist – so don't miss it!

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. Don't miss this chance to connect, celebrate, and worship together!

EMPOWER 2026 – Women's Ministry Day – Saturday 14th March from 9.30am to 3.30pm at The Shore Community Church, Victoria Drive. Tickets £5 (cash only) available from the Living Word Bookshop or see Pippa for online bookings. For further details empowerwomensministry@outlook.com.

COMING SOON – Curious about Jesus? Christianity Explored is a relaxed way to discover who He is and why He matters. Book your place now! Starting on Monday, March 9th at 7pm. For further details speak to Simon when he returns to the church after his break. Send him and email or call him on 07411919928.

FOODBANK - We are very grateful to all those who donate items for the Bognor Foodbank. Current urgently needed items are: Tinned meats, small jars of coffee, Antibacterial spray, Tinned tomatoes and Tinned vegetables. Please place them in the donation point on the left-hand side of the church foyer

HOMEGROUPS – We will shortly be starting two new homegroups as the current groups are bursting at the seams. So, if you are not a member of a homegroup yet then this would be a good time to join. Derek

PREACHING TEAM – I will be preaching at Southbourne Free Church next Sunday. Please pray for this small congregation, their minister, Paul and for me! Derek.

Today's poem that is inspired by "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving (Colossians 3:23

Aprons, Aisles, and the Almighty

You may have clocked your final shift,
Received the card, the farewell gift,
But heaven hasn't marked you "done" —
There's still good work beneath the sun.

The desk has gone, the emails ceased,
The meetings blessedly decreased,
Yet now begins the noble art
Of doing chores with cheerful heart.

The washing waits with quiet stare,
The crumbs assemble everywhere,
The hoover hums its steady tune —
Domestic glory, afternoon.

You stir the soup, you brew the tea,
You mutter, "Is this really me?"
But Colossians whispers through the steam:
"This too is service to the King."

The supermarket aisle at four —
A test of grace like none before.
The trolley wobbles, patience thin,
Yet Christ is served in choosing grin.

A neighbour calls, "Could you just…?"
And off you go — because you must.
A hedge is trimmed, a bulb replaced,
And quiet kindness interlaced.

No spotlight shines, no trumpet sounds,
Just faithfulness in little rounds.
But heaven notes the unseen part:
You worked for Christ with willing heart.

So sweep with joy, and bake with song,
Let grumbles never linger long.
For every task, both small and odd,
Done cheerfully, is done for God.

TAB (The Aldwick bard)