PRAYER CORNER

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

Dave and June Shawyer would appreciate your prayers as they come to terms with the tragic loss of their much loved foster son whom passed away on 30th April.

Bebe Chaplain is currently in hospital and has had a series of operations. Bebe sends her love to you all. Please pray for a successful outcome and for peace of mind for Bebe and Jim.

Molly Hawkins has shingles and has been unable to come to church or to the homegroup. Please pray for healing and peace of mind.

Please pray for Frank, who is still experiencing significant discomfort and ongoing health difficulties. Please pray for healing, relief from pain, and a deep sense of peace.

Please pray for Arthur who continues to struggle. Please pray for a definitive diagnosis, healing and for peace of mind.

Please pray for Michelle as she is struggling with her atrial fibrillation (Afib) & colitis. Please also pray for Michelle's nephew Adam who is living in Tel Aviv with his family.

Please pray for Pauline Hatcher who is continuing to suffer with her depression. Please for healing and peace of mind.

Please pray for Simon who is very tired after conducting four funerals in May. Please pray for rest and renewed energy.

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ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



[38] Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins (Acts:38).

Sunday 10th May 2026

Our Baptismal service

"From Death to Life: A New Beginning"

Romans 6:4 & 2 Corinthians 5:17

Simon Downing and Derek Robinson

TODAY'S BAPTISMAL SERVICE–Do join us for what promises to be a momentous day when several baptisms will be taking place. Simon's band will be leading worship as we praise God for the amazing work He is currently doing here. There will testimonies, lots of splashing about and a short word from me. **DON'T MISS THIS!** 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 SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE – 17th May 2026. Clive's band will be leading worship before our guest speaker, Rev. Paul Cox of Southbourne Free Church, brings God's word to us. The title of his talk is ''The Ascension of Jesus.' This service will include communion. Do pray for Paul as he prepares his talk.

MEANWHILE – Simon will be leading and preaching at Southbourne Free Church on the same morning as part of our 'pulpit exchange'. Please pray for Simon's preparation.

DAVID HANCHARD – David's cremation and thanksgiving service is at Chichester crematorium next Wednesday, 13th May at 2:30 pm followed by refreshments at ABC. All are welcome. If anyone wants transport, please see Brenda.

SIMON'S DAY OFF – Like all of us, Simon needs some rest and recovery time where he can just switch off and spend time with his family. His normal days off are Friday and Saturday. Please try not to contact him on these days but instead contact your pastoral lead or one of the deacons. Derek.

WORSHIP TEAM MEETING – Just a reminder that there is a worship team will be meeting soon as a follow up to the meeting on April 16th. Please read Simon's latest email.

FOODBANK - We are very grateful to all those who donate items for the Bognor Foodbank. Current urgently needed items are: **Tinned vegetables, Tinned pasta, Tinned fruit, UHT milk, UHT fruit juice.** Please place them in the donation point on the left-hand side of the church foyer

BIBLE STUDY – Pippa would like to study the book of Ezekiel and would love to have some people alongside to study together. She has room for up to 6 people in her flat which is in Barrack Lane Aldwick. She is free daytime and evenings and would be able to meet weekly. If you are interested, please talk to Pippa or me. Derek

URGENT CALL – Are you looking for a homegroup? Then speak to me today. As we prepare to start two new homegroups as the current groups are bursting at the seams. So, if you are not a member of a homegroup as yet - then this would be a good time to join. Derek

This week's poem gives us a gentle reminder that new beginnings are woven into the world we see each day.

"Again"

There is a quiet miracle in morning light,
in the way the world begins again
without asking our permission.

A bud unfolds—
no announcement, no applause—
just colour breaking through
where yesterday there was none.

Lambs find their feet
on uncertain legs,
stumbling into fields
as if learning joy for the first time.

A bird lifts from the hedgerow,
not wondering if it will fly—
just trusting the air will hold it.

And somewhere,
in a room filled with soft voices,
a child takes its first breath—
and the whole world shifts
to make space for that life.

We call these ordinary things.

But they are not ordinary.

They are reminders—
written into leaf and wing and breath—
that endings are not the final word.

That life has a way
of rising quietly, persistently,
where we least expect it.

That what seems still
is often only waiting.

And if you listen closely enough,
you may hear it whispered
through all creation:

"See, I am making all things new."

TAB (The Aldwick bard)