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

# ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



[51]While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven (Luke 24:51)

**Sunday 17th May 2026**

**'Pulpit Exchange'**

**The Ascension of Jesus**

**Luke 24:50-53 & Acts 1:1-11**

**Paul Cox (Southbourne Free Church)**



**TODAY'S SERVICE –** 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. In a reciprocal arrangement, Simon will be preaching at Southbourne Free Church.

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

**A NEW PREACHING SERIES BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY** – This series is entitled, 'Preparing for revival.' This is a call to the whole Body of Christ at ABC. This is not just another sermon series, but a building upon the dynamic Jesus that we have just witnessed in Mark's gospel. This is a series of *anticipation in what God is going to do.* It is also a series with expectation that new things are going to spring forth in the desert place. It is about the next phase of those verses I originally gave when I first came here. It is about *forgetting* the former things, and beholding the new thing that God wants to do in the months ahead! This is about *preparing for revival in all of us, and in each of us, and outwards into the world.* Don't miss this

**AND ANOTHER** - This series will be intertwined with a second series, 'Living by faith in the modern world'. This series will consider practical Biblical principles for living in today's fast-paced world and explore how the unchanging wisdom of the Bible applies directly to the everyday decisions, challenges, and relationships of the 21st century. More details next week.

**WORSHIP TEAMS** – Just a reminder that Simon has asked everyone involved with worship to respond to his latest email by this weekend.

**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.

**FOODBANK -** We are very grateful to all those who donate items for the Bognor Foodbank. Current urgently needed items are: **Tinned fruit, Tinned rice puddings, Tinned meat, Shower gels, UHT apple/orange juice.** Please place them in the donation point on the left-hand side of the church foyer

**WERE YOU CHALLENGED BY LAST WEEK'S BAPTISMAL SERVICE?** – If you were and want to know more speak to Simon or one of the deacons. There is likely to be another baptismal service in February.

"Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus… will come back." (Acts 1:11).

**Until He Comes Again**

He stood upon the mountain height,
The risen Lord of grace,
With scarred hands raised in blessing still,
And love upon His face.

The promise made, the victory won,
The empty tomb behind,
Yet still He spoke of days to come —
Of hope for all mankind.

Then slowly, through the morning cloud,
He rose beyond their sight,
Not lost within the gathering mist,
But crowned in heaven's light.

And though their eyes could see no more,
His promise still remained:
"I will be with you to the end" —
A hope unchanged, unstained.

So now we live between two days:
The cross… and His return,
Still watching through the shifting fog,
Still keeping lamps that burn.

For one bright day the skies will part,
The waiting world will see:
The risen Christ, the ascended King,
Returning gloriously.

TAB (The Aldwick bard)

**A BIG THANK YOU!-** I wish to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported me over the last two weeks since the sudden death of David. All the texts, emails cards and phone calls have made me feel really loved and have helped enormously. Huge gratitude to Simon for such a beautiful service last Thursday and to all who arranged and helped with refreshments - it all went to prove what an amazing group of fellow Christians you are. May God truly blessed you all. Brenda

**PASTORAL TEAM MEETING** – All members of the pastoral teams are invited to a meeting on Thursday at 7pm in the lounge.

# 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**

**MO HOWLAND** - Mo is in Selsey Ward at St Richards Hospital after breaking her hip. She had the operation on Wednesday and is currently on a drip with antibiotics which she is trying to pull out. She doesn't want to eat or drink and is uncommunicative. Please pray for healing and peace of mind. Mo would probably benefit from some visitors. Can you help?

**CILLA AND TONY** - Tony is in good spirits and is still waiting to hear about the next steps in his treatment. Do pray that he gets moved to Bognor Memorial hospital. Do also pray for Cilla who had an appointment with the fracture clinic on Friday. Pray for ongoing healing. Do also continue to pray for the family.

**GOOD NEWS** - Bebe is back at home following her recent operations. She is in good spirits and sends her love to you all. Please pray for ongoing healing and for peace of mind for Bebe and Jim.

**GOOD NEWS** - Molly Hawkins has now recovered from her shingles and was back in church with us Sunday. Please pray for continued healing and peace of mind.

**GOOD NEWS** – Michelle is also back at home and wants to thank you for your prayers. She is trying to take things easy as she is still in pain. Pray for healing.

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.

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