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

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



"[3] The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy" (Psalm 126:3)

Sunday 24th May 2026

Series: Preparing for revival

Part 1: What is revival

Psalm 85v4-7, Psalm 126 and Romans 1v16

Simon Downing

SUNDAY'S SERVICE – A NEW PREACHING SERIES BEGINS – 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.* **Part 1: What is Revival – personal and outward**. Don't miss this. Brenda 's band will be leading worship.

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, 31st March – ANOTHER NEW SERIES - This will be intertwined with our revival series, and is entitled, '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. Simon's band will be leading worship and Clive will be preaching.

THANK YOU – I would like to thank everyone for their lovely cards and gifts on my recent 'big' birthday. Joy

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 OUR RECENT 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 on 13th September. Don't hesitate – take the plunge!

PASTORAL CIRCLES – Everyone who has signed up to receive our notifications and literature is now included in a 'pastoral circle'. These are the basic units of our pastoral care system. More details next week.

This week's poem

As we begin our new series, *Preparing for Revival*, this poem reflects on the quiet routines of everyday life — and the deeper longing many of us carry for God to renew, refresh, and awaken our hearts again.

"Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?" Psalm 85:6

Preparing for Revival

The kettle boils, the morning starts,
The same familiar way,
The washing waits, the traffic crawls,
Another busy day.

We nod and smile, we rush about,
With lists we've yet to do,
Yet somewhere deep, beneath it all,
A quiet thirst breaks through.

A garden waits for gentle rain,
Dry ground for clouds above,
And weary hearts still long to know
Fresh hope, fresh joy, fresh love.

Sometimes revival does not come
With thunder from the sky,
But softly, where a prayer is prayed,
Or one small soul asks, "Why?"

It starts when hearts are opened wide,
When pride is laid aside,
When ordinary people pause
And draw once more to Christ.

So Lord, prepare our hearts again,
Like earth that longs for rain,
And breathe upon Your people now
Till dry bones live again.

TAB (The Aldwick bard)

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. Derek

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

BABY BENNETT – Last Saturday we asked you to pray urgently for ;Baby Bennett' who was fighting for his life at the Prince Anne Hospital in Southampton. Lynn Jordan-Willis (aka Watts) who Thank you for sending our prayer request to the church last week. Lynn sent us this message: "I thought I would let you know the latest, as it has done good news and answered prayers. We can confirm baby Bennett has now had his operation at Southampton on Wednesday and is recovering well. We pray now for his continued recovery and that he will be home soon. Thank you to everyone who prayed for us." – Lynn. Of course we do need to continue to keep on praying For Baby Bennet and his mum and dad, Lauren and Aiden.

JACQUI IVES – Jacqui has had her operation and she's back on the ward resting. Thank you for your prayers. Do pray for continued healing.

FRANK YORKSTON – 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.

CILLA AND TONY - Tony is in good spirits and has now been moved to Bognor Memorial hospital. Do also pray for ongoing healing Cilla and also continue to pray for the family.

RACHAEL HOLWELL – Please do continue to pray for Rachael, Richard and Charlie after Rachael's recent health concerns. Please pray for ongoing healing and peace of mind.

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