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

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



[3] Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place? [4] He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart.
Psalm 24

Sunday 14th June 2026

Series: Preparing for Revival

Clean hands, pure hearts – preparation

Psalm 24

Simon Downing

SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE - 14th June. Clive's band will be leading us in worship before Simon returns to our series, 'Preparing for revival'. Part 2, entitled "Clean Hands, Pure Hearts", is based on Psalm 24 and explores how God prepares His people for renewal. Before God changes a church, a community, or a nation, He begins by working within individual hearts. This promises to be a challenging and encouraging message as we consider what it means to be ready for all that God wants to do among us.

We would love you to join us in person as we worship, pray, and seek God together. If you are unable to attend, the service will be available online at:

https://www.aldwickbaptist.co.uk/category/current-sermons

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE- 21st June. Brenda's band will be leading us in worship as Simon continues our series, 'Preparing for revival'. Part 3, "The Father's Heart for the Lost", is based on Luke 15:1–7. Through the parable of the lost sheep, we will explore God's relentless love for those who are far from Him and His desire that none should be lost. Join us as we discover more of God's heart for our community and His call to share that heart with others.

A BIG QUESTION? Have you ever wondered how a Baptist church works? Here are the answers to four questions people often ask about life at ABC.

1. How is the church financed?
ABC is largely funded by the faithful giving of its members and congregation. We receive no regular funding from the government or the Baptist Union. Through God's provision and the generosity of His people, we can continue our worship, ministry and mission.

2. Why should I become a member of ABC?
Membership is a way of saying, "This is my church family, and I want to play my part." It is a commitment to worship, prayer, fellowship, service and mission. As Baptists, we believe that church members should seek God's will together and share responsibility for the life and future of the church.

3. What is the Church Meeting?
The Church Meeting is where church members gather to pray, listen to God, share important information and make decisions together. In Baptist churches, it is the principal decision-making body of the church and an opportunity for every member's voice to be heard.

4. What is the Diaconate? The Diaconate is a team of church members elected by the church to work alongside the minister(s) in providing spiritual leadership, pastoral oversight and practical support. Their role is to help the church flourish and to enable its mission and ministry to thrive.

Aldwick Baptist Church: A Church Family Sharing Responsibility Together

This week's poem

As we continue our series "Preparing for Revival", Psalm 24 reminds us that before God changes the world around us, He often begins His work within us. This poem reflects on the importance of preparation—not only in everyday life, but also in our walk with God.

Preparing the Way

We tidy up when guests are due,
A quick dust here, a polish too.
We sweep the floor, arrange the chair,
And take more time with what is there.

We weed the garden, mow the grass,
And hope the summer days will last.
We paint the gate, repair the wall,
Preparing well before they call.

Athletes train before the race,
Musicians practise every phrase.
Builders measure, plan, and start;
Preparation plays its part.

And yet how often we forget
The quiet place where hearts are met.
The hidden thoughts, the inward life,
The private fears, the secret strife.

For God looks deeper than the face,
Beyond achievement, wealth, or place.
He sees the things no eye can see,
The person we were meant to be.

And so before we seek His power,
Or pray for blessing in this hour,
Perhaps His Spirit gently starts
By cleansing hands and changing hearts.

Not through striving, guilt, or fear,
But by His grace drawing us near.
Preparing us, both old and new,
For all He longs to do.

So may we hear His quiet call,
And place our lives before Him all;
That He might shape us from within,
And make us ready once again.

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 soup, Tinned tomatoes, Tinned meat, Blue UHT milk and Peanut butter/jam.** Please place them in the donation point on the left-hand side of the church foyer.

PRAYER CORNER

REVIVAL PRAYER MEETINGS – Revival cannot be organised, but it can be prayed for. Beginning on Thursday 18th June, we invite you to join us for **five Revival Prayer Meetings from 5.00pm–6.00pm**. Let us come together to ask God to renew His Church, revive our hearts, and draw many people to Christ.

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 continue to pray for:

MARION COLLINS – Marion is in hospital with a problem with her lungs. Please pray for healing and peace of mind.

IAN SURRELL – Ian remains in hospital with an infection in his digestive system. Please pray for correct treatment and healing. Please pray too for peace of mind.

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 for Cilla and do continue to pray for the family.

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