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.

A MESSAGE FROM IAN SURRELL – To all members of ABC, I send you all my heart felt thanks to those of you that prayer, rang, sent cards or visited me during my illness. May God always be with you.

Please continue to pray for Ian as he is now back at home but remains unwell. Please pray for ongoing healing and peace of mind. Do thank the Lord that, despite his ongoing health issues, he remains cheerful

PRAYER REQUESTS. Please pray for:

MARION COLLINS – Marion is back in hospital with ongoing problems with her lungs. Please pray for healing and peace of mind.

DOUGLAS AND CAROL FLEMING – Whose daughter, Catherine, has died unexpectedly. Pray for peace of mind and happy memories amidst their sadness. Carol and Douglas are well and send their love to all their friends at ABC (Carol and Douglas were members and deacons here but moved away to be nearer their family in 2018).

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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ABC NEWS

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[4] "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?" (Luke 15:4)

Sunday 21st June 2026

Series: Preparing for Revival

The Father's Heart for the Lost

Luke 15: 1 - 7

Simon Downing

SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE – 21st June. Brenda's band will be leading us in worship as Simon continues our series, 'Preparing for revival'. Today we reach part 3, "The Father's Heart for the Lost", which 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.

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- 28th June. Simon's band will be leading us in worship as David Howling returns to continue our series, 'Preparing for revival'. Part 4, " Zacchaeus – confidence in the gospel ", is based on Luke 19:1–10. What happens when a wealthy, unpopular man climbs a tree just to catch a glimpse of Jesus? More importantly, what happens when Jesus notices him? Come and discover how one unexpected encounter became a life-changing moment.

A BIG QUESTION? Would you like your giving to go 25% further?

Well, you can! If you are a UK taxpayer, Gift Aid allows ABC to reclaim an extra 25p from HMRC for every £1 you give, at no additional cost to you. If you are not currently using Gift Aid and would like to know more, please speak to our me or pick up a form at the back of the church. Derek

REVIVAL PRAYER MEETINGS – Revival cannot be organised, but it can be prayed for. Around 25 people met this Thursday as Claire explained her reasons for suggesting these meetings. We sang two songs and then prayed expectantly. It was a very moving experience. So don't miss out. Do join us for the second of **five Revival Prayer Meetings from 5.00pm–6.00pm on Thursday**. Let us come together to ask God to renew His Church, revive our hearts, and draw many people to Christ.

URGENT CALL – Our AGM is getting near (July 23rd, 7.00pm). We need your nominations for new deacons to be submitted by the end of this month. If you know of anyone who you think could help in this vital church ministry, then pick up a form from the back of the church and fill it in. Give the completed phone to Clive.

AN INVITATION - You are warmly invited to a Bible exhibition at Christ Church Parish Worthing June 29th to July 4th 10.30am to 4.30pm.
It will be a display of different English Bible translations/versions, different other Christian books including different church service books, bible time chart and 66 posters on each book of the bible which will be on display around the church.

This week's poem

As we celebrate Father's Day and reflect on the Father's Heart for the Lost, this poem invites us to remember the fathers who shaped our lives, whilst pointing us to the perfect love of our Heavenly Father, whose arms are always open to His children.

Who Did You Turn To?

Who picked you up when you fell off your bike,
And told you, "You'll be fine"?
Who cleaned the cuts and grazes up,
And gave a little time?

Who taught you how to kick a ball,
Or ride and catch and throw?
Who said that winning isn't all,
There's more to life to know?

Who stood and cheered from touchlines,
Or watched from down the hall?
Who quietly turned up every time,
And helped you when you'd fall?

And looking back, many of us
Would give so much today,
To share one more walk, one more chat,
Or hear one more word they'd say.

For time moves on and fathers leave,
Though memories remain;
And often with the passing years,
We wish we'd said more than we did then.

Yet when life's road grows hard and steep,
And burdens fill the way,
There is a Father seeking still,
Whose love will never fade.

The Father of the lost sheep,
Who calls us by our name;
Whose arms are open wide to all,
And welcomes wanderers home 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, Biscuits, Pasta Sauces, All Tinned Vegetables, UHT semi skimmed and full fat milk**. Please place them in the donation point on the left-hand side of the church foyer.