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

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



31 *"but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint." (Isaiah 40:31)*

Sunday 26th July 2026

Series: Preparing for revival

Prayer dynamics I - waiting and how to pray

Luke 24:49, Ephesians 2:4-6, Isaiah 40:31

Simon Downing

SUNDAY'S SERVICE – 26th July. Clive's band will be leading us in worship before Simon continues our **'Preparing for Revival'** series. This week's message, **'Prayer Dynamics I – Waiting and How to Pray'**, will explore what it means to wait upon God with confidence and to pray in step with His purposes, drawing from Luke 24:50–53, Acts 1:5 and Isaiah 40:31. Do come and join us as we worship together, encourage one another and seek God's presence. If you are unable to attend in person, the service will be available online at:

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

SUNDAY'S FAMILY SERVICE – 2nd August. Next Sunday we begin a new five-week summer series entitled **'Psalms for the Journey'**, exploring some of the Bible's most loved and encouraging Psalms.
We start with the opening words of Psalm 23: **'The Lord is my Shepherd.'** Brenda's band will lead our worship, while John and his team entertain us with a fun drama and interactive activities for all ages. Derek will explore why these familiar words have brought hope, comfort and confidence to millions of people throughout the centuries—and why they still have the power to transform our lives today.

Whether you're a regular member of our church or visiting us over the summer, we'd love to welcome you as we journey together through these timeless songs of faith.

BREAKFAST TIME – 9:30AM (All Ages Welcome) - Before the service, we invite you to Breakfast Time, open to everyone! This is a relaxed and welcoming space to share food, friendship, and conversation. It's a place to build relationships, show hospitality, and extend kindness and generosity - helping everyone feel valued and that they truly belong. Don't miss this chance to connect, celebrate, and worship together!

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

SITUATIONS VACANT – FRANK NEEDS A PART-TIME CARER to do weekend meals every other week (8am and 3pm). If interested or know of anyone who might be interested, please speak to Frank on 01243 820913.

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

This week's poem

Much of life is spent waiting—at traffic lights, in supermarket queues, for test results, or for a longed-for phone call. We often think of waiting as wasted time, yet Scripture reminds us that some of God's deepest work is done while we wait upon Him. So be patient and let God be God – the Lord of time.

"The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD." *Lamentations 3:25–26*

The Waiting Place

We wait for buses, trains and calls,
For kettles singing through the halls;
For traffic lights to turn to green,
For things we've hoped for but not seen.

We wait for spring to warm the earth,
For tiny seeds to show their worth;
For healing after pain and tears,
For answers carried through the years.

Yet waiting need not empty be,
Or wasted time, as we may see;
For God is often working there,
Within the quiet of our prayer.

His clock keeps time beyond our own,
His wisdom greater than we've known;
He shapes our hearts while moments creep,
And plants His promises to keep.

So when the waiting seems too long,
Hold fast to hope, be still, stay strong;
The Lord still hears each whispered plea—
And walks beside us faithfully**.**

TAB (The Aldwick bard)

DO YOU KNOW? Over 388 million Christians face high levels of persecution and discrimination – that's one in seven believers worldwide. We can stand with believers courageously following Jesus, no matter the cost. **Open Doors** supports Christians who face persecution because of their faith, providing practical aid, Bibles, training and advocacy, while encouraging the worldwide Church to pray for those who suffer for following Jesus. You can access their resources at https://www.opendoorsuk.org/.

CHURCH PHONE NUMBER – The church phone number is 07743 257 860. Please note this is not manned continually but any messages left will be responded to as quickly as possible.

PRAYER CORNER

PRAYER REQUESTS. If you are in need of prayer, then email contact@aldwickbaptist.co.uk

MARION BRYANT – Simon visited Marion this week and reports she is poorly again. Please pray for healing and peace of mind**.**

MICHELLE CRANE – Simon also reports that Michelle remains unwell and is very weak. Please pay for healing, renewed strength and peace of mind.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY for Daphne Ashby who is in a lot of pain and for Perrie who has been but is now recovering. Pray to for healing and pain relief for Dorothy Ridley and for me as we are both suffering with back problems.

GILL AND TREVOR GUY HAVE SENT US THIS PRAYER REQUEST. Please continue to pray for our son Jon and daughter in law Kay and their two sons. Kay has just been diagnosed with bowel cancer which has spread, and for which she has to have intense chemotherapy before any possible surgery can take place. Many thanks, Gill and Trevor. Please pray that the chemotherapy is effective and that Kay remains optimistic throughout. Pray too for the whole family that they may find the peace of God in these incredibly difficult times.

RONNIE GAYLE HAS ASKED IF WE WOULD PRAY FOR ANGIE, his former wife, who has recently been diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer. The doctors have said that there are no curative treatment options available. Please also pray for Angie and the whole family, that they may know God's comfort, strength and peace as they face the days ahead.

WE HAVE ALSO RECEIVED THIS PRAYER REQUEST FROM BEBE ABOUT JIM CHAPLAIN. "Jim has been poorly for a few days and would welcome prayer for the Lord to guide the doctors in their diagnosis and to bring healing. " Please pray urgently as Bebe requests.

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