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

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



[28] Do you not know? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth. (Isaiah 40:28)

Sunday 2nd August 2026

Psalms for the Journey

"A Highway for God"

Isaiah 40:3-8 & 27-31

Keith Varney

SUNDAY'S SERVICE – 9th August. This Sunday we welcome Keith Varney from MAF who will be updating us on MAF's current work as well as bringing God's word to us. The title of his talk is 'A highway for our God based on Isaiah 40:3-8 & 27-31. Clive's band will be leading worship. So do join us.

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. If you are unable to attend in person, the service will be available online at:

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE - 16th August. Next week Simon will be returning to lead our worship and communion service before Clive brings God's word to us. Clive will be continuing with our series, **'Psalms for the Journey'**, as we explore some of the Bible's most loved and encouraging Psalms. This week Clive will be looking at Psalm 46: **'God is our refuge'.**

WELL OF HOPE – UKRAINE APPEAL

As the war in Ukraine continues, families are still facing immense hardship. Brenda and Ian are inviting us to support the Well of Hope charity, which sends monthly aid lorries to Ukraine, bringing practical help and hope to those in desperate need.

We are collecting donations from now until Christmas, including:

- Children's toys (small), clothes and bedding
- Adult clothing, shoes and boots
- Kitchen utensils
- Dry and tinned food

Children are also invited to include a small gift for a child in Ukraine, with an optional tag giving their first name, age, "Bognor Regis, England", and a short message of encouragement.

Please speak to Brenda or Ian if you would like to contribute.

CRAFT CLUB, TABLE TENNIS, COMMUNITY CAFÉ AND TODDLER TIME will all be closed throughout August and will reopen in early September. There will also be no children's group on Sundays.

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

We all know that life's journey is rarely smooth. There are steep climbs, unexpected bends and valleys we would never have chosen. Yet Isaiah reminds us that the God who calls us forward also prepares the way before us and gives strength for every step.

The Road Ahead

The road ahead is seldom straight,
It climbs the hill, then bends once more;
Through sunny days and shadowed paths,
Past open fields and unknown doors.

There are smooth stretches, bright with hope,
And rugged miles that test our tread;
Yet every step, though small or slow,
Lies known to God who walks ahead.

The valleys teach what peaks cannot,
The storms reveal where faith is found;
And weary hearts discover strength
When heaven's promises abound.

The flowers bloom, then fade away,
The seasons swiftly come and go;
But God's unfailing, living Word
Remains the one sure truth we know.

So lift your eyes beyond the hills,
Don't fear the journey still to come;
The Lord prepares the way before,
And gently leads His children home.

TAB (The Aldwick bard)

SUNDAY'S FLOWERS - We are urgently looking for folk from within our fellowship to donate towards the flowers you see in church every Sunday.

Some donate in memory of someone or to celebrate a birthday/ anniversary, or for no special reason!
The flowers don't just make the church look good each week but, after every service, are distributed to folk who are ill, housebound or just to say "thinking of you", and are always really appreciated by the recipient.

We have a dedicated small team of flower arrangers (we can always do with more if anyone loves arranging flowers!!!), so all you have to do is donate and the arrangement will magically appear!

PRAYER CORNER

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

ARTHUR MAGEE – Arthur is in a lot of pain following his recent operation. Please pray for pain relief and ongoing healing. Arthur loves to talk to people, so why not pay him a visit?

THE DOWNING FAMILY – Please for the Simon, Nicky and the girls as they take a well-deserved holiday. Simon will be back with on Sunday 16th August. For prayer requests or urgent need, please contact your pastoral circle lead or me.

GILL AND TREVOR GUY HAVE SENT US THIS PRAYER REQUEST. We would be grateful for the continued prayer of the church family for our daughter in law Kay as she undergoes a long, intense course of chemotherapy.

MARION BRYANT – Marion she is poorly again. Please pray for healing and peace of mind**.**

MICHELLE CRANE –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 Lou Freezer as they are both suffering with back problems.

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.

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