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

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. (Matthew 5:14)

Sunday 1st November 2026

Our family worship service

Lamps, bowls and cities

Matthew 5:14-15

Simon Downing

SUNDAY'S SERVICE – 1st November. Lamps, Bowls and Cities – Let Your Light Shine!

What do lamps, bowls and cities have in common? Come along to our monthly Family Service and discover the surprising answer in Jesus' words from Matthew 5:14–15! Simon and his band will lead us in a joyful time of worship as we explore what it means to let God's light shine through our everyday lives. With inspiring songs, a message for all ages and something to make us think and smile, there's something for everyone!

Bring your family, invite a friend, and join us for a morning of worship, encouragement and fellowship. Everyone is warmly welcome!

If you're unable to join us in person, you can watch the service online through the Current Sermons page of our website or by using this link.
https://www.aldwickbaptist.co.uk/category/current-sermons

BREAKFAST TIME – 9:30AM (All Ages Welcome) – 1st November - 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.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – Next Sunday we will come together for our annual Remembrance Service, as we remember with gratitude those who gave their lives in the service of others and pray for peace in our troubled world. Simon's message will be based on Psalm 46, which begins with these wonderful and reassuring words: **"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble."**

CHRISTMAS CRAFT EVENING – Thursday 26th November at 7.15 pm in the church. Please let Nicky know if you are able to help on the evening. Please let Corinne and Richard know if you are able to help rearrange the furniture on Friday 27th at 9.30am. Please consider inviting someone to this event. Places need to be booked in advance, text Nicky on 07943537785. £5 per person to cover the cost of materials, payable on the evening.

THE WELL OF HOPE – CHRISTMAS APPEAL – DON'T FORGET UKRAINE. Ian is organising a collection of goods (which must be new or in excellent condition) geared to Christmas especially for the children - many of whom will have lost loved ones. His wish list is: **Tolietries, Christmas chocolate bars/ sweets, Clothes, Toys etc.** We will have to store your gifts temporarily in the youth room whilst we liaise with the transport coordinator. We need to act asap so as to get the goods to Ukraine well before Christmas. Clive

MONTHLY FAMILY PRAYER GATHERING – Please join us Tuesday 3rd November in the church as we give thanks to the Lord for His ongoing protection and seek to discern God's vision for the church. The meeting starts at 7pm and lasts 1 hour.

This week's poem

We may sometimes wonder what difference one ordinary person can make in a world with so much darkness. Yet often it is the smallest things — a kind word, a listening ear, a thoughtful act — that bring light into someone else's day.

A Little Light Along the Way

It doesn't take a grand event
To brighten someone's day;
A smile exchanged, a kindly word,
Can gently light the way.

A neighbour struggling with their bags,
A friend who needs a call,
A stranger standing on their own —
We notice, after all.

A cup of tea, a listening ear,
A moment freely given;
Such ordinary acts of love
Can bring a glimpse of heaven.

For life has corners dark with care,
And roads that seem unclear;
A little kindness quietly shown
Can make the pathway clear.

We may not see how far it shines,
Or know whose heart we've stirred;
A thoughtful deed, a helping hand,
A gentle, hopeful word.

So don't suppose the little things
Are far too small to count;
One tiny lamp within the dark
Can shine a great amount.

And when our lives reflect God's love
In all we say and do,
Perhaps someone who walks in shade
May glimpse His light in you.

TAB (The Aldwick bard)

PREACHING TEAM (1st November) – Clive is preaching at Cornerstone Church in St. Albans today whilst Derek is at Southbourne Free Church. Please do support them both in prayer.

CHURCH PHONE NUMBER - 07743 257 860. If you want to contact the church use this number and leave a message as this phone is not constantly monitored.

PRAYER CORNER

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

SANDY AND KEVIN KINDLEYSIDES – Sandy continues to make slow but steady progress as she builds up her strength in preparation for gall bladder surgery in a few weeks' time. Kevin is also awaiting a hip operation. Please remember them both in your prayers, asking God to give them strength, peace and encouragement, and for successful treatment and a good recovery.

LIZ NICHOLS – Liz is experiencing considerable pain in her left knee, which came on very suddenly. At present she is unable to put any weight on her left leg and is therefore unable to walk. The hospital has so far been unable to establish the cause. Please pray for relief from the pain, for a clear diagnosis, and for healing and a full recovery.

IAN SURRELL – Ian remains in St Richard's Hospital and is likely to need a period of rehabilitation, although it is not yet known where this will take place. Please pray for continued healing, strength and peace of mind as the next steps in his care are decided. And let us also thank God that, despite all he has been through and the difficulties he continues to face, **Ian is still smiling!**

CILLA WOOD – Please continue to pray for Cilla as she adjusts to life without Tony. Please pray too for Briana and Alexander. Please pray for peace of mind.

JOY SMITH – Do pray for Joy as she continues to struggle with her health. Pray too for John who is concerned about Joy's health and for the rest of the family.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY – For Marion Collins, Arthur Magee, Marion Bryant, Marie Stoneham, Daphne Ashby, Hazel Bell and many others in the fellowship who are struggling with various health issues.

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