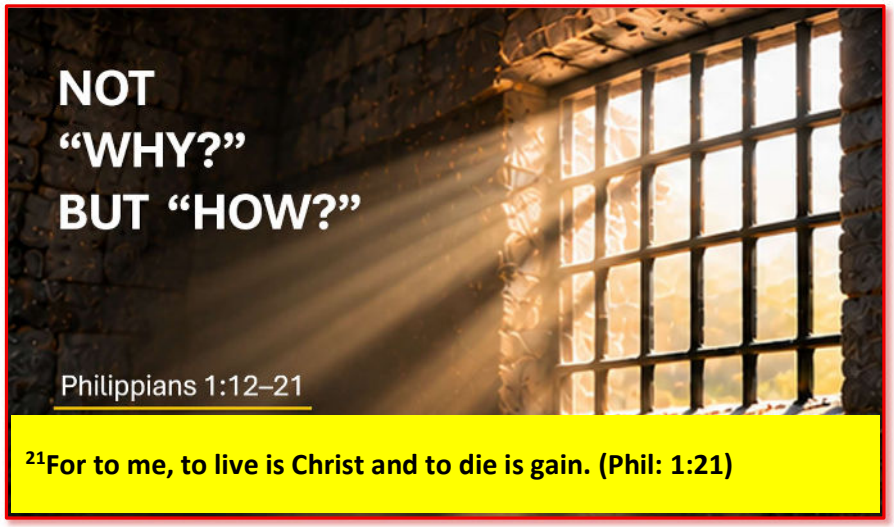
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Vision: Loving God, Loving Each Other, Loving Lost People

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



[21]For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. (Phil: 1:21)

Sunday 15th November 2026

Series: Living by faith in a modern world

How and why the crisis, Lord?

Philippians 1:12-22

Stuart Filby

SUNDAY 15th NOVEMBER – HOW AND WHY THE CRISIS, LORD?

Why do difficult things happen to us? And where is God when life seems to be going terribly wrong? These are questions we've probably all asked at some point. Yet, writing from a prison cell, the Apostle Paul offers a surprising perspective. Rather than allowing his circumstances to overwhelm him, he discovers that God can work through even the most challenging situations, turning obstacles into opportunities and difficulties into occasions for hope.

This Sunday, Clive's band will lead us in worship before Stuart brings us God's Word in a thought-provoking message entitled "How and Why the Crisis, Lord?", based on Philippians 1:12–21.

Come and discover how Paul's extraordinary confidence in God can encourage us to face life's uncertainties with renewed faith and hope.

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

SHOEBOXES – The absolute final day for us to receive your boxes is Sunday 15th November, but any time before that would be great. Any boxes received after that date cannot be included. Please do not put the £5 donation inside the box. Instead, give it directly to me or place it on top of your box, secured by a rubber band. Brenda

NEXT SUNDAY – Simon's band will be leading worship before he brings God's word to us. The title of his talk is Vine life – living through Jesus based on John 15:1-8.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT EVENING – Thursday 26th November at 7.15 pm in the church. Please let Nicky know if you can help on the evening. Please let Corinne and Richard know if you can 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: **Toiletries, 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

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

This week's poem

Life rarely follows the path we have planned. Unexpected difficulties, disappointments and changes can leave us wondering why things have turned out as they have. Yet sometimes, even in the midst of uncertainty, we discover unexpected kindness, new opportunities and quiet reminders of God's presence.

When Life Takes an Unexpected Turn

We make our plans for days ahead,
With hopes of what may be,
But life can take a sudden turn,
And change what we can see.

A letter brings unwelcome news,
A phone call changes all,
The future that seemed bright and clear
Now feels beyond recall.

We ask, "Why must this happen, Lord?
What good can come from this?"
And long for days when life was calm,
For joys we dearly miss.

Yet sometimes in our darkest hours,
A kindness finds its way,
A helping hand, a gentle word,
Brings light into the day.

We cannot see the whole of life,
Or know what lies in store,
But God can use our broken plans
To open some new door.

For faith is not a life untouched
By sorrow, loss or pain,
But knowing God is with us still,
Through sunshine and through rain.

TAB (The Aldwick bard)

ALONE AT CHRISTMAS? – For the past 10 years, The Shore Community Church has hosted Christmas Lunch together, a free Christmas Day event for members of the local community. You invited to join them for a warm and welcoming traditional Christmas lunch, lovingly prepared and served with all the trimmings. A vegetarian option will also be available. The event is completely free of charge.

Book a place now by emailing Carla (office@theshorecommunity.church). You must book before 11th December but the earlier the better!

PRAYER CORNER

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

JIM CHAPLAIN – Jim had a nasty fall in the garden earlier in the week. He hit his head and scrapped the skin in his arm. The paramedics took him to hospital and his was admitted for tests. The good news is that he is now home again but rather quiet and his restricted mobility. Do pray for his ongoing healing.

BRENDA NANSON – Brenda has been very poorly this week as she was hit by the flu virus. She is feeling a little better now but must stay away from other people for a few more days. Do thank the Lord for her small improvement and pray for ongoing healing.

MO HOWLAND – Simon went to see Mo this week and reports that she is walking quite well and is in a reasonably positive mood. Please pray for ongoing peace of mind.

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. On Saturday 7th November Kevin should be having his hip replacement operation. Please remember them both in your prayers, asking God to give them strength, peace and encouragement.

IAN SURRELL – Ian eventually signed himself out of St Richard's Hospital and is now back at home. He still needs 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.

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

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