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

# ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



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## Sunday 8th November 2026

## Our Remembrance service

## A future hope

## Psalm 46

## Simon Downing



**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY** – On 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."**

**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

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 15th** – Next week Clive's band will be leading worship before Stuart brings us God's word. The title of Stuart's talk is "How and why the crisis, Lord?". This is based on **Philippians 1:12-21.**

**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

**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

**FOODBANK** – We are very grateful to all those who donate items for the Bognor Foodbank. Current urgently needed items are: **Tinned rice puddings, Tinned fruit, Biscuits, UHT milk, Spreads**. The collection point is in the foyer.

**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

In the spring of 1915, amid the devastation of the First World War, Canadian army doctor John McCrae noticed bright red poppies growing among the graves of fallen soldiers in Flanders. Inspired by this poignant sight, he wrote *In Flanders Fields*, a poem that has become one of the most enduring expressions of remembrance. More than a century later, its words still remind us of the terrible cost of war, the sacrifice of those who gave their lives, and our responsibility to cherish the peace and freedom they fought to preserve.

**In Flanders Fields**

**By Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae (1915)**

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

**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!

**AMAZING HARVEST** – Thank you for your incredible fundraising efforts in support of Bognor Regis Foodbank.
Your dedication and support have made a huge difference to the lives of people living in poverty. You donated 178.2kg of food. Liddy

## 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. 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, and for successful treatment and a good 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!**

**LIZ NICHOLS –** Liz is still experiencing considerable pain in her left knee, although she is now able to get around on sticks. 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.

**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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