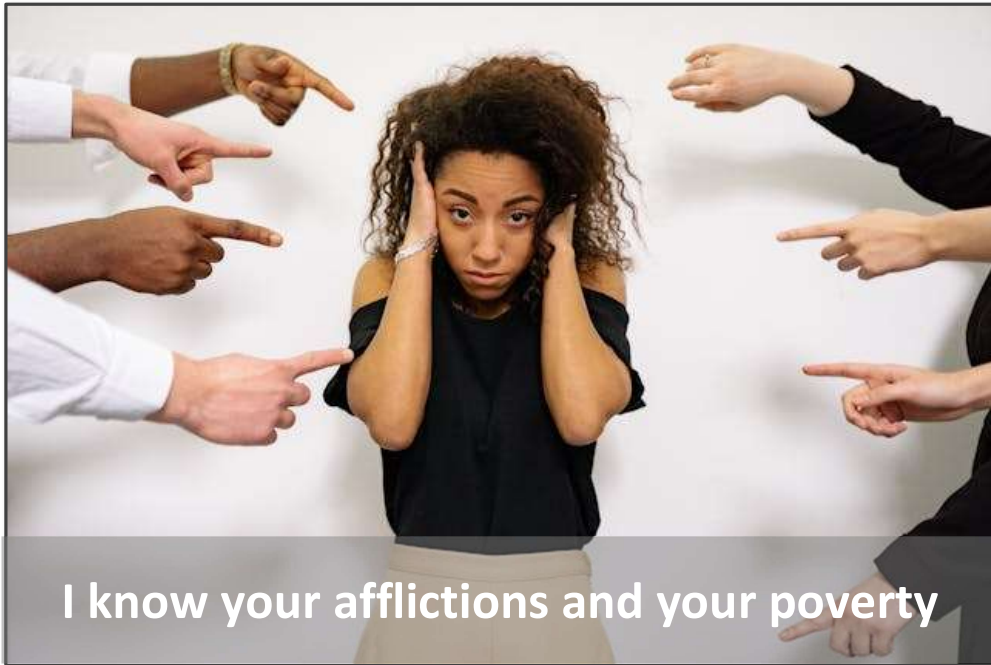




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I know your afflictions and your poverty

Sunday 9th March 2025
Series: The Seven Churches
The Seven Churches II - Smyrna
Revelation 2: 8-11
Simon Downing

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE – Brenda's band will be leading worship, as Simon returns to series our entitled 'The Seven Churches' based on the opening chapters of Revelation – the final book of the Bible. Simon's talk is 'The Seven Churches II – Smyrna based on Revelation 2:8-11. If you wonder why a letter written to 7 churches in Asia Minor (modern Turkey) 2000 years ago is relevant to the church here today, then you need to listen to every one of these talks. Don't miss this!

Of course, we do hope you can join us for the service in the church but if you can't actually join us, you will be able to access the service at any time by going to: <https://www.aldwickbaptist.co.uk/category/current-sermons>.

NEXT WEEKEND'S WORSHIP SERVICE 16th March 2025 – Clive's band will be leading worship, and Simon will be continuing with our series on the Seven Churches as we reach the third church – Pergamum (Revelation 2:12-17). This service will also include communion. Don't miss this!

JOIN US FOR A POWERFUL TIME OF PRAYER! Prayer changes things! When God's people come together to seek Him, mountains move, hearts are strengthened, and His presence fills our lives. Don't miss our quarterly prayer meeting—a time to lift our voices, encourage one another, and stand together in faith. Let's pray boldly, believe expectantly, and watch God work! Will you be there? Saturday 15th March 10am – 12 noon.

AN INVITATION FROM THE CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE – An invitation to Swanfield Chapel, 117 Swanfield Drive, Chichester, PO19 6TD at 7.30pm on Thursday March 13th for important updates on key modern issues, in particular euthanasia, gambling and the LGBT desire for a ban on conversion therapy such as prayer. For further information ring 0191 281 5664.

ABC FAMILY SHARING PAGE - There is a lot of bad news around and I decided some time ago to set up on Facebook an "ABC Family Sharing" page but not published the fact very well. If you are on Facebook please have a look at what is on there and feel free to copy any news or articles that have encouraged you for everyone else in the group to see. It is one other way of us "encouraging one another" (1 Thessalonoans 4:18) - Clive.

WELL OF HOPE - A sincere thank you to all who have donated over the last year. All your loose change adds up, enabling us to help many, including 2 members families who are going through difficult times, a Mom from Toddler Time and two local groups who depend solely on donations to keep their services going. Could I please ask you to keep your donations going as it's not only at Christmas, but all year round that we try to help folk and families when needs arise. To borrow a well known slogan, "Every Little Helps"! So keep the coppers (and any other loose change) coming as every penny goes towards our valuable service and witness. With thanks in anticipation. Ian and Brend

This week's poem

This week Arthur's poem reminds us that no matter how you are feeling, Jesus is not far away.

He is never far from you

When you are feeling vulnerable,
Insecure and lost.
Retrace your steps,
And go back to the cross.
Yes, the path is narrow,
So easy to slip and fall.
But remember how He suffered,
Who died to save us all.
Sometimes we feel so far away,
But one thing I know is true.
You might feel far from Him,
But He is never far from you.
So, when you lose direction,
Feeling so fearful and lost.
Turn around, retrace your steps,
And go back to the cross.

Arthur Magee

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED BAPTISM? - Have you considered taking the step of obedience and faith through baptism? Baptism is a powerful declaration of your commitment to Jesus—a public testimony that you have been made new in Him. If you feel God calling you to take this step, we would love to walk alongside you. Speak to one of the leaders today to learn more about this incredible opportunity to declare your faith! We are planning to hold a Baptismal service on Easter Sunday which would be a terrific day to be baptised

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Prayer Board ... and finally

Do thank God that Larry's son-in-law Tim has had his operation to have some plates fitted to hold the bones together. Please pray now pray for healing.

Do thank God, that Sheila Sargent's granddaughter, Lara, finally had her operation on Monday and that initial signs are encouraging.

Please pray for Angela Halfacree as needs our prayer support. Her mobility is not as good as it once was, and so please pray for her general well-being as well as improvements in her walking.

Please continue to pray for Gary Edgington, Vivienne's son-in-law, who was rushed into hospital earlier this week with a suspect heart attack. He is now back at home but remains very poorly. Pray too for peace of mind and healing. Please also pray for Vivienne as she mourns her daughter Karen who died earlier this week.

Please do pray for our 4 baptismal candidates as they begin to plan their testimonies. Do also pray for anyone else who is thinking about baptism.

Please do pray for ladies currently living in care homes. Pray for Molly Hawkins at Burlington. Mary Bullock and Pam McClaren at Arun Lodge, Mo Howland at Westergate House and Pam Brown at Cherington's. They all miss coming to worship the Lord as members of His family. Please don't forget them.