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**Sunday 16th March 2025**  
**Series: The Seven Churches**  
**The Seven Churches III - Pergamum**  
**Revelation 2: 12 - 17**  
**Simon Downing**

**TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE** – 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!

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.alldwickbaptist.co.uk/category/current-sermons>.

**NEXT WEEKEND'S WORSHIP SERVICE 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025** – Simon's band will be leading worship as we welcome David Howling back to bring God's word. David will be returning to our series Living as Exiles: Hope, Holiness, and Honour based on 1 Peter 4:7-19. The title of his talk will be Refined by fire: Suffering for Christ's glory. Sound challenging!

**ABC FAMILY SHARING PAGE** - There is a lot of bad news around and J 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"! With thanks in anticipation. Ian and Brenda.

**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 will be holding a Baptismal service on Easter Sunday which is a terrific day to be baptised.

**HOME GROUPS** – Home groups are a really great place to grow in faith, ask difficult questions, share your prayer needs, celebrate successes and support each other in hard times. There are also times of genuine friendship and cake! So, if you are not in a homegroup, then do talk to me about joining a group. If you have ever thought of leading a group then also talk to me as we are looking to expand!

## This week's poem

This week Arthur's poem reminds us that Jesus was so much more than 'just a man'.

### What kind of man is this?

What kind of man is this  
Who turned water into wine?  
They say His face seemed to shine  
He had so much authority  
And yet so much humility.  
What kind of man is this  
Who five thousand fed,  
With just two fish  
and five loaves of bread,  
And raised Lazarus from the dead.  
He made the possessed free  
And the blind to see.  
What kind of man is this  
Who calmed the stormy sea?  
He comes from heaven above  
With a message of  
forgiveness, peace and love.  
I know it's true what they say  
That He is the life, the truth and the way.  
Yes - What kind of man is this?

Arthur Magee

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## Prayer Board

... and finally

Brian Goldsmith, a former deacon here, has had a stroke and is currently in Lavant Ward at St. Richard's Hospital. Please pray for healing and peace of mind. He would welcome visitors!

Do thank God that Jim and Bev's son, Tom and his family escaped the worst of the major storm that hit Brisbane last weekend. But do pray for others who now have to contend with major flooding.

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 pray for Jon Crane who is waiting for test results on the possibility that he has bowel cancer. Pray too for Michelle who continues to struggle with her occasional colitis flare ups and recurring mental health issues. Pray for healing and peace of mind.

Please do pray for our 5 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.