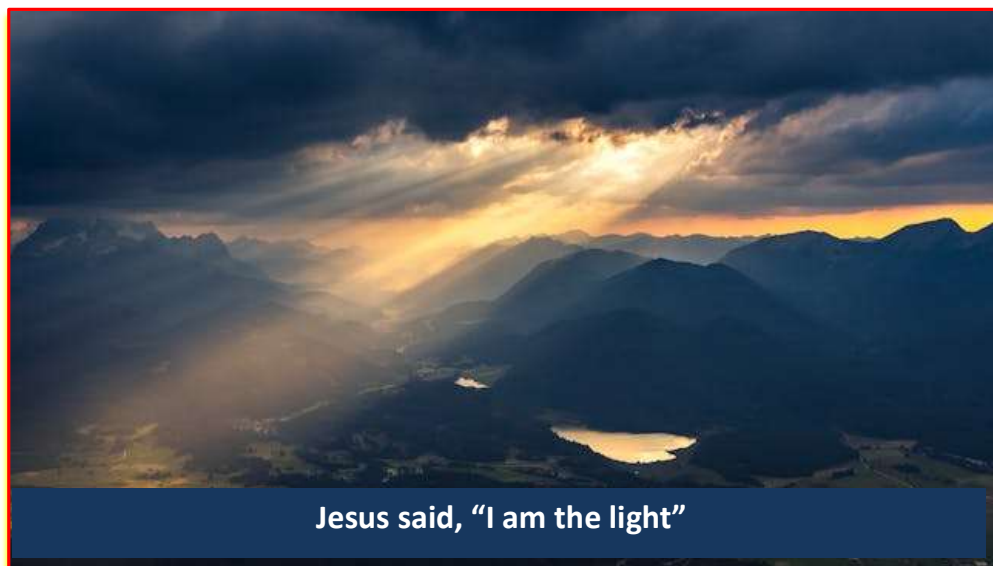


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Jesus said, "I am the light"

Sunday 1st June 2025

Our monthly family worship service

Series: Jesus said ..

'I am the light'

Reading: John 6:30-35 & 51.

John Smith and Simon Downing

June 2025

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE — Simon's band will be leading worship as John masterminds another family service which will no doubt challenge us and yet make us smile. This service is based on Jesus' words when He said, 'I am the light'. It will be preceded by Breakfast Time which is open to all ages from 9.30am. Breakfast time is a place to encourage Christians and non-Christians alike, to share in some food together, before the family services begin. It is about using the gifts of relationships, hospitality, generosity, and kindness to make people feel valued. It is about helping people feel that they 'belong.' As relationships develop, the sharing of one's faith may also emerge in time. Don't miss this opportunity.

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 8th June 2025 — Clive's band will be leading worship as Simon returns to our series on 'The Seven Churches'. In his talk we will be looking at Church 5 — Philadelphia — as told by John in Revelation 3:7-13. Jesus commends the Philadelphians for keeping His word and refusing to compromise their faith — even though He acknowledges their weakness. Can you see how this description fits Bible believing churches today but rejects churches that water down the Gospel to attract a wider audience. Don't miss this!

CHICHESTER AREA TALKING NEWS (CATN) — This is for anyone who has sight loss. Every two weeks we take articles from The Observer Series of Newspapers and record them onto a memory stick, and post them to our listeners. In this way we help the visually impaired within our community, keep in touch with local news, views, and events.

Currently we have nearly 400 listeners, and several nursing homes, keeping their residents in touch too. This is a totally free service. For more information please see Chriss or Chris Mustchin or phone 01243 828982.

CURIOUS ABOUT LIFE? - SEARCHING FOR MORE?

Alpha is a place to ask the big questions of life. Whether you're exploring faith for the first time, returning with doubts, or simply curious, Alpha offers a warm, open, and honest space to discover more about the Christian faith.

Starts this September — You're Invited!

Come for food, stay for the conversation, and bring your questions. No pressure, no charge, no judgment — just a chance to explore life's biggest questions together

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." —John 8:12 (NIV)

Each new dawn reminds us that God is still at work—bringing light to what was hidden, hope to what was hurting, and clarity where there was confusion.

This poem invites us to reflect on how creation responds to the rising sun—and how our souls respond to the true Light of the World, Jesus Christ.

When Morning Breaks

By The Aldwick Bard (TAB)

When morning breaks and soft light spills,
Across the trees, the seas, the hills,
The sleeping world begins to rise—
Bathed in gold beneath new skies.

The dew reflects the Maker's grace,
As hidden life shows forth its face.
What once lay veiled in shadowed night
Now dances in the morning light.

And so it is when Christ appears—
He calms our doubts, He dries our tears.
The darkness flees, the truth is clear—
The Light of God is shining here.

O Light of life, so full and free,
Shine through our hearts so all may see—
Creation sings, the day is new,
And all things live because of You.

HAVE YOU BEEN BAPTISED? A few weeks ago we celebrated the powerful step of faith taken by five individuals through baptism — a public declaration of their love for Jesus and a symbol of new life in Him. As you've watched, perhaps something stirred in your heart.

SO WHAT ABOUT YOU? Baptism isn't about having all the answers — it's about saying 'yes' to the One who gave everything for you. If you've committed your life to Christ but haven't yet been baptised... could now be your time?

Have you ever wondered what is expected of a deacon? Deacons play a vital role in the life of our church. They are servant-hearted leaders who support the pastor in both the spiritual and practical care of the fellowship. Whether it's visiting the sick, offering a listening ear, praying with others, helping with church duties, or quietly supporting behind the scenes—deacons help build unity, offer encouragement, and serve with compassion. We are currently looking to expand our team of deacons. Could God be calling you to serve in this way?

Prayer Wall ... and finally

Do continue to pray for Gary Eggington and his family as Gary is now in the hospice so that he can get some rest. Please pray for peace and courage and for enough strength to resume chemotherapy.

Please continue to pray for Ian Surrell remains unwell. Do pray for peace of mind, a suitable treatment plan and healing.

Do pray for Diane Townson who is not at all well and who is currently undergoing a series of tests . Pray for an accurate diagnosis, appropriate treatment, peace of mind and healing. Pray too for Brian who is obviously concerned about Diane's health.

Please continue to pray for Arthur our former resident poet and his wife, Eileen. Arthur feels more positive about things following his recent operation and is looking forward to see us all soon. He often sits in the front garden with a spare chair by his side in case anyone needs a chat.

Please do pray for ladies currently living in care homes. Pray for Molly Hawkins at Burlington. 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.

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