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Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2025**  
**Our monthly family worship service**  
**Series: Jesus said ..**  
**'I am the bread**

**Reading: John 6:30-35 & 51.**  
**John Smith and Simon Downing**

**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 will also include 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 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025** – Clive's band will be leading worship as Simon returns to our series; "The Seven Churches" where will hear about Jesus' message to the church in Thyatira as recorded in Revelation 2: 18-26. You may recall that the messages sent to these churches are meant for all church at all times and so applies directly to us. Don't miss this.

### THREE IMORTANT ITEMS FROM OUR CHURCH MEETING:

1. **NEW DEACONS/MEMBERSHIP SUPPORTING ROLES** – the Leadership Team are getting older and there is a real need for (ideally) four new people to join the team to spread the workload. Apprentices are needed for the roles of Treasurer and Secretary and full training will be given to those interested in taking on these roles. Anyone interested should talk to Derek. Again, proposal forms will need to be submitted in time for the July meeting.
2. **MISSIONS TEAM** – the Church currently gives money to 6 charities as part of our mission giving and it would be good to have a mission's team to oversee this giving, to make recommendations and update the church on mission - volunteers needed.
3. **AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT** – At our Church meeting on Thursday, we agreed to a temporary variation in Simon's contact reducing his hours by 30%. This means his main working days will normally be Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. If you weren't at the meeting, then do ask me for a copy of our agreement. Derek

**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – A DAY OF PRAYER** – Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 9.00am – 5pm. This is the day where we offer a quiet space for prayer, reflection and contemplation in the youth room. For more details talk to Joy.

**DBS Forms** – If you have been given a DBS form by Jill Lomas, please return it as soon as possible.

## This week's poems

This week our poem links to the theme of our family service this week where Jesus says, "I am the bread of life."

### The Bread That Satisfies

We walk through days both bright and grey,  
With hearts that hunger on the way.  
The world may tempt with empty fare,  
But deeper still, our souls declare—  
We long for more than bread alone.

He came not just to calm the sea,  
But spoke with truth to set us free.  
"I am the Bread of Life," He said,  
"Come, feed on Me—be truly fed,  
And never thirst or hunger more."

Not manna falling from the skies,  
But heaven's gift before our eyes.  
The one who comes will not be turned,  
For in His grace, our hearts have learned—  
The feast of love will not run dry.

Each day He calls, "Believe in Me,"  
Not for a moment—eternally.  
He fills the gaps no world could reach,  
He is the truth our hearts beseech,  
The bread that brings us home to God.

So let us eat, and be made whole,  
With living bread that feeds the soul.  
Through trials fierce or blessings sweet,  
We journey on with heaven's wheat—  
And find in Christ our all in all.

Anon

### CURIOUS ABOUT LIFE? - SEARCHING FOR MORE?

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## Prayer Wall ... and finally

Please continue to pray for Dorothy Ridley who has a fracture in her spine. Simon reports that Dorothy is feeling a little better but remains very concerned about her grandson Luke who is still critically ill. Please pray that Luke can soon come home, for healing, for pain relief and peace of mind for all of the family. Please pray too that Luke can find the Lord despite his serious position.

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

Do continue to pray for Gary Eggington who is in hospital with a serious illness. Gary's wife, Pam (Vivienne's daughter), thanks you all for your prayers. Please continue to pray for miraculous healing and peace of mind for the family.

Do continue to pray for the 5 people who were recently baptised.

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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