## ... and finally

# **Prayer Wall**

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 ver concerned.

Plesase thank the Lord that Marion Bryant has had her operation and had her pacemaker fitted. She is now beginning her recovery. Please pray for a sppedy recovery and peace of mind for Bill, Marion's husband.

Please pray for Matt Woods who was taken ill and rushed into hospital on Thursday morning. Simon reports that Matt is very poorly and that his immune system is is extremely low. Please pray for healing and peace of mind for Matt and the family.

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 chemotherappy.

Please do pray for ladies currently living in care homes. Pray for Molly Hawkins at Burlington, 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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Sunday 15th June 2025

Series: Glimpsing God's Vision for the Church

Part 2 - Confidence in God

Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

**Clive Bennett** 

**TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE** – Simon's band will be leading worship as Clive continues with our new series, 'Glimpsing God's vision for the Church' based on the Paul's letter to the Ephesians. Part 2 of this series covers Ephesians 1:15-23 and is entitled 'Confidence in Christ'. This is a hugely important series if we are serious in fulfilling God's vision for this church. Make sure you are here.

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 22nd June 2025** – Brenda's band will be leading worship as Simon reaches the conclusion of our series on the Seven Churches in the Book of Revelation. In his Simon will be visiting the Church in Laodicea. So far, this series has been both challenging and thought provoking as we realise these ancient letters are very relevant to the church today. Don't miss the final instalment of this blockbuster series

QUARTERLY PRAYER MEETING – LET'S GATHER BEFORE THE THRONE. – There is no greater thing we can do as a church than to pray together. In a world of uncertainty, prayer anchors us to the One who holds all things in His hands. In a church full of activity, prayer reminds us that God's presence is our power.

This Saturday, 21st June from 10 am to 12 noon, we're not just gathering for another meeting—we're coming together to seek the face of God, to stand in unity, and to lift our church family, our mission, and our community before Him. If you've never been to a prayer meeting, this is the one to come to. And if you've come before—you know how much it matters. Please join us. Your voice matters. Your prayers make a difference

**TODAY'S FLOWERS** – These flowers have been donated be Ernie Payne in memory of his beautiful wife Sheila who died six years ago. The flowers have been arranged by his daughter Helen.

THE AGM IS DRAWING NEAR (JULY 24<sup>th</sup>) – This is when we can elect new deacons BUT 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?

**CURRENT HEALTH PROBLEMS** – We do seem to have at lot of serious illnesses within in the church at present. Please pray God's protection over us all and His peace, strength, and healing for every member of our church family

In today's Bible reading, Paul's prayer reminds us that the same power that raised Christ from the dead is at work in us—and that through Jesus, we have every reason for confidence.

As you reflect this week, look around at the beauty of God's creation—it echoes the vastness of His plan, the faithfulness of His presence, and the certainty of our future in Him. The following poem invites us to see His hand in all things and to trust His heart with all we are.

## **Confidence in God**

Inspired by Ephesians 1:15–23 By The Aldwick Bard (TAB)

The skies proclaim a vast design,
Where stars in ordered beauty shine.
Each sunrise speaks, each tree and stone—
Creation sings, "You're not alone."

The waves still answer His command,
The hills rise firm by sovereign hand.
If all the earth obeys His call,
Then trust this truth: He holds it all.

O church, take heart—lift up your eyes, The Lord of power, the Lord most wise, Has made you rich in hope and grace, And set His Son above all place.

So live with boldness, walk in light,
The risen Christ is our delight.
And through His Church, the world shall see
God's vision now—and what will be.

The Aldwick Bard (TAB)

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