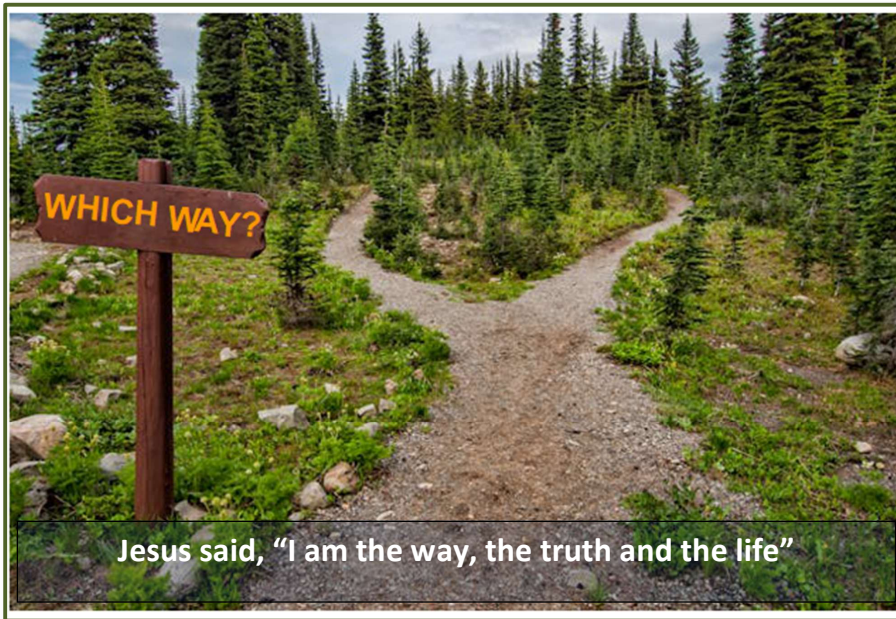




# ABC NEWS

ldwick aptist hurch



**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2025**  
**Our monthly family service**

**Jesus said, 'I am the way, the truth and the life.'**

**Reading: John 14:1-7**

**John Smith and Simon Downing**

**TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE** – Simon's band will be leading worship at our monthly family service as John returns with one of his epic dramas which we hope will challenge you and make you smile. This service is based on Jesus' words when He said, 'I am the way, the truth and the life. 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.

<https://www.alldwickbaptist.co.uk/category/current-sermons>.

**NEXT WEEKEND'S WORSHIP SERVICE 10<sup>th</sup> August 2025** – Clive's band will be leading worship as Simon returns to his Word Study series as he looks at – 'Amen, Hallelujah and Workmanship'. Don't miss this opportunity.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE – MONTHLY PRAYER GATHERING - CHANGE OF DATE.** Our monthly prayer gathering will now take place on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm in the church. Please do join us as we seek God's will for the church and our lives.

**THE SECRET OF JOY REVEALED! - JOY = Jesus + Others + You.** In other words, **JOY** is the result of prioritizing Jesus first, others second, and ourselves last, creating a life filled with peace, purpose, and fulfilment through love and service. (Liz Nichols)

**WEC CAMPS 2025** – This weekend the WEC Christian holiday camps welcome their second groups of young people to the camps at Criccieth in North Wales. The good news is that the camps were fully booked for both weeks which means around 400 young people will be celebrating a week of inspiring worship, solid Bible teaching and engaging mission sessions. These sessions are aimed at exactly the right level for the young people on camp and don't simply stop at the end of the meetings. Discussions and exploration of the themes carries on throughout the week and are often picked up in the evening quiet times. Of course, there is also lots of lovely food cooked on the field kitchen and plenty of fun. As the camps are held under canvas, please do pray for good weather and not too much wind. Pray too for the leaders and the young people that together they will grow in their faith as well as enjoying themselves. Please do thank God for the 'prep' teams who built the village beforehand and for the 'break down teams' whose job it is to dismantle it and the end of camp.

## This week's poem

This week's poem reflects on our search for direction, the struggles we face in making decisions, and ultimately the peace that comes when we recognize that Jesus is the only true guide. Let these words remind us that no matter where we are on our journey, Jesus is always there, leading us home (John 14:1-7).

### "The Way, The Truth, The Life"

On a map of life, the paths are wide,  
With twists and turns we cannot hide.  
Each road we choose, each step we take,  
Leads us to decisions we must make.

A cross marks the spot where we begin,  
The way to truth, to life, within.  
But sometimes, oh, we lose our way,  
Confused by shadows, led astray.

The road is narrow, the journey tough,  
We question if we're strong enough.  
But in the distance, faint but true,  
A voice calls out, "I'm here for you."

"I am the Way," He softly says,  
"The Truth, the Life that never fades.  
No need to wander, no need to roam,  
For I am the path that leads you home."

We've stumbled, lost, but now we see,  
That with Jesus, we're truly free.  
His love, the light that guides our feet,  
The cross, the way where grace meets peace.

So, with each step, we walk His path,  
Trusting the Way through all we have.  
The Truth, the Life, our hearts now know,  
In Jesus, the way is clear to go.

TAB (The Aldwick bard)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR EMILY** –Who, for the third year running, has returned to Kenya under African Adventures volunteer scheme. African Adventures work with 34 schools in developing areas of Ghana, Kenya and Zanzibar, and organise life-changing group volunteer trips for people of all ages. African Adventures partner with schools so that they can help them extend their outreach and give more disadvantaged children the chance of a better future. They support schools because they believe that education is the most effective way to help alleviate long-term poverty. Please pray for safety and a rewarding experience.

## Prayer Wall ... and finally

Please do pray for Peter Kaufman who remains in hospital. He is very weak although Simon saw some signs of improvement when he visited him this week which is encouraging. Please do continue to pray for healing and peace of mind for the family as Peter is likely to be in hospital for some time. Do also give thanks for the team caring for him at St. Richards Hospital.

Please pray for Frank who is currently on holiday, recharging his batteries. Pray too for Chris Grant who been discharged from hospital but urgently needs your help support and prayers. Please give thanks that Matt Wood is back at home and slowly improving but is still unwell and definitely needs your prayers. Please pray for ongoing healing and for peace of mind for the family. Please continue to pray for Polly as she continues with her new course of treatment. Please pray that Polly will experience healing, renewed strength, and restored health. Pray too for strength and peace for Clive and the family.

Please do pray for our ladies currently living in care homes. Pray for Molly Hawkins at Burlington, Mo Howland at Westergate House and Pam Brown at Cherington.

Head of the Church	Jesus Christ
Minister	Simon Downing (Tel. 07508815573) email: pastor@aldwickbaptist.co.uk
Church Secretary:	Clive Bennett (Tel: 930756) email: secretary@aldwickbaptist.co.uk
Treasurer/Elder	Derek Robinson (Tel: 866238) email: contact@aldwickbaptist.co.uk
Deacons	Brenda (265984), John (837181), Joy (837181) John Bell (07506 035 363)
Church	Tel. 07743 257860