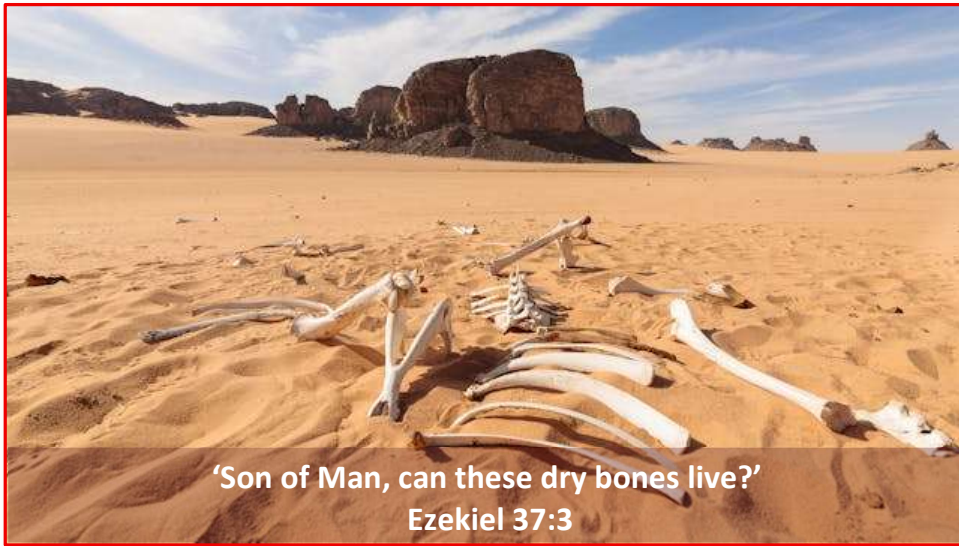




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Sunday 26th October 2025

Series: When God asks the question

'Son of man, can these dry bones live?'

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Derek Robinson

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE— Hazel will be leading Brenda's band as we worship the Lord together. Derek will be continuing with our thought-provoking series – 'When God asks the question'. In part 5 of this series, God asks us, 'Can these bones live?' This is based on Ezekiel 37:1-14 and contains a message that is very relevant for each one of us today. Don't miss this. This service will also include communion. 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 FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE – 2nd November 2025. Join us for our monthly family service as Simon and his band lead us in inspiring worship! John, of course, will also return with one of his epic dramas which we hope will challenge you, bring light into your life and make you smile.

BREAKFAST TIME – 9:30AM (All Ages Welcome) - Before the service, we invite you to Breakfast Time, open to everyone! This is a relaxed and welcoming space to share food, friendship, and conversation. It's a place to build relationships, show hospitality, and extend kindness and generosity - helping everyone feel valued and that they truly belong. As friendships grow, it's also an opportunity for conversations about faith to naturally develop over time. Don't miss this chance to connect, celebrate, and worship together!

WELCOME TEAM TRAINING - This is a reminder that the welcome training session is on Thursday 30th October at 7pm. If anyone else wishes to join us please let me know no later than Tuesday 28th. Paul is looking forward to coming, there will be light refreshments on arrival. Please contact John Bell on 07583468369.

TIME FOR A CHANGE? – Have you been sitting in the same seat since Noah launched the ark?

If you find the sound a bit too loud where you usually sit—or the sunlight from the windows a little too bright—why not try a new spot next Sunday?

You might discover:

- A better view
- A better balance of sound and light
- Or even someone new to talk to!

We promise your old seat will still recognise you when you return. But a little change can make a big difference — for you and for those around you.

ADVANCED NOTICE – Saturday, 15th November **TEAR FUND QUIZ NIGHT** starting at 7pm. Please support this worthwhile charity by booking your place through secretary@alldwickbaptist.co.uk or by ringing Clive on 07951 985432.

This week's poem

This Sunday, we reflect on God's question to the prophet Ezekiel: 'Can these bones live?' It's a question that still echoes in our hearts when we face dry seasons, broken hopes, or spiritual fatigue. The poem below was written to encourage you—whatever valley you may be in—to remember that God is still in the business of restoration.

When the Valley Feels Too Quiet

When hope lies buried in the dust,
And dreams are brittle, choked by rust,
When hearts grow still, and faith runs thin—
Can bones like these breathe life again?

I've walked that valley—so have you,
Where nothing moves and joy feels through.
Where prayers once bold now barely rise,
And silence echoes in the skies.

But friend, remember what is true:
The God who made the skies made you.
He sees the bones, He knows the name
Of every part once wrapped in flame.

He calls not just to hear your voice,
But to restore, revive, rejoice!
He says, "Speak out! Proclaim My word—
Even when it feels absurd."

The breath returns. The Spirit stirs.
Not through our strength—but always *His*.
So don't give up when life feels thin.
He still brings dry bones back again.

So stand, dear soul—though weak you feel.
God's power alone can help you heal.
He's not yet done. His voice is clear:
"Come forth and live—I'm always near."

TAB (The Aldwick bard)

MY STORY FOR HIS GLORY - Have you experienced God's grace in your life? Take 5 minutes to share your testimony with the congregation - your story is unique and can inspire others! Speak, read, or have someone help you - just don't miss this chance to give thanks and praise to the Lord. If you'd like to share, let Clive know, and he'll coordinate a date with the worship leaders.

SHOE BOX APPEAL - A quick reminder that the last date for collection of shoe boxes is Sunday November 3rd. Brenda.

Prayer Wall ... and finally

Please pray for the work of Samara's Purse whose teams work in crisis areas of the world. They draw their inspiration from the story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37) which gives a clear picture of God's desire for us to help those in desperate need wherever we find them. Find out more by going to <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/>. You can even find out what happens to the shoeboxes you send?

Please thank God that Marie has been moved to the Bognor Regis Memorial Hospital for extensive physio. Please pray for healing.
Please continue to pray for Matt Woods and his family; for Jon and Michelle; for Ingrida; for Doreen Evans; for Frank and for Ian Surrell all who need God's healing hand and strength.

Please also pray for Mary's Edwards dad Roy who is ill. Pray too for Angela Halfacree, Pam Kerley and David Hanchard - all who need God's healing touch. Pray too for Molly, Pam Brown and Mo Howland in their respective care homes.

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