

## Prayer Wall

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### Prayer: Drawing Near to God

Did you know that prayer is not just something we do — it's how we grow in relationship with the living God?

It's where we thank Him for who He is, praise Him for all He has done, and listen for the gentle whisper of His Spirit.

In a noisy world, prayer creates space.

In a busy life, prayer brings balance.

In uncertain times, prayer leads us back to peace.

Whether in joy or struggle, we are never alone — God invites us to draw near, and promises He will draw near to us (James 4:8).

So why not take a step closer?

You are warmly invited to join us for our

### Church Quarterly Prayer Meeting

Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> January

10.00 - 12.00 noon

In the lounge

Let's seek God together — in faith, in unity, and in hope for all He has yet to do

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# ABC NEWS



**22 The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. Mark 1:22**

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**Series: The Magnificence of the Messiah!**

**Authority to heal!**

**Mark 1:14-34**

**Simon Downing**

**TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE**— Clive's band will be leading worship before Simon continues with part 3 of our series 'The Magnificence of the Messiah'. Simon's talk is entitled, 'Authority to heal!' based on Mark 1:14-34. Simon says that his talk this week is based on a special passage in the book of Mark. It is about when the *Kingdom of God* breaks into people's lives in very special and miraculous ways! His talk also includes some amazing facts about what Jesus is doing in our world today, just like we read about in the Bible; things that will build your faith!

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 FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE** – 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026. Do join us for our monthly family service as Simon and his band lead us in inspiring worship! This service may have a new twist – so don't miss it!

**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. Don't miss this chance to connect, celebrate, and worship together!

**THINKING ABOUT BAPTISM** – We're holding a baptismal service in May — a joyful celebration of lives made new in Christ! If you're a believer and haven't yet been baptised, why not take time to pray and ask: "**Is now the moment to take this step?**" Baptism is a beautiful declaration of faith — a public "yes" to Jesus, and a powerful picture of new life. If you'd like to explore this further, we'd love to chat with you. Simon and Derek.

**FOODBANK** - We are very grateful to all those who donate items for the Bognor Foodbank. Current urgently needed items are: Tinned meat, Tinned fruit, Toilet rolls, Rice pudding, Long life semi skimmed milk. Please place them in the donation point on the left-hand side of the church foyer. Thank you very much.

**QUARTERLY PRAYER MEETING** – Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup> 10am – 12noon. Our quarterly prayer gathering isn't just a meeting; it's a chance to seek God's heart for our church and community. When we pray together, things change — in us and around us. So, if you long to see God move in 2026, come and join us — every great move of God begins in prayer.

**HOMEGROUPS** – Are you a member of a homegroup? If not – why not? They are great places to dig into God's word, to really get to know people and share your prayer requests. If you want to know more, just talk to me. Derek.

When something breaks in our world — our bodies, our homes, our plans — we know who to call. But when our hearts ache with deeper needs like guilt, fear, or brokenness, do we know where to turn?

In this week's passage, we see that Jesus carries an authority no one else does — not only to teach and heal, but to restore what's been lost and cleanse what's been burdened. This short poem reminds us: when all else fails, Jesus still answers.

### Who Do You Call?

If your leg gives way, you call for care,  
The sirens wail, help's quickly there.

If the engine groans and starts to smoke,  
You ring the garage, fix what's broke.

If flames break out and danger's near,  
You call the team with boots and gear.

If water pours from pipes that burst,  
You don't delay — you call them first.

But when your heart is bruised with sin,  
When guilt and shame press deep within —  
Who do you call when hope feels small?

**You call on Jesus — Lord of all.**

He heals the wounds no hand can touch,  
Restores the soul we fear too much.

No need's too great, no pain too wide —  
The Saviour stands with arms flung wide.

TAB (The Aldwick bard)

**A MESSAGE FROM RIO**— Thank you so much for making me so welcome and to everyone who has already filled in a questionnaire! If you haven't yet got one, please grab one from the desk today or during the week! I would love to hear from as many of you as possible, both in and not in homegroups. Also, if you are willing to be interviewed about your experience of pastoral care please come and find me after the service, or email me at [2023004@moorlands.ac.uk](mailto:2023004@moorlands.ac.uk). I could do with a bit more input in this area.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING** – For Heather Craddock, Ronnie Gayle, Jo Lockhart, Frank Yorkston, Marie Stoneham and many others who are unwell. Ronnie would like you know that Audrey passed away last week. Thank you for your prayers.