



# ABC NEWS

aldwick baptist church



"Be still, and know that I am God."  
(Psalm 46:10)

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

**Series: The magnificence of the Messiah**

**Part X: Messiah - lifestyle**

**Mark 7: 14-23**

**Derek Robinson**

**TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE** – Simon's band will be leading our worship, as we return to our series 'The Magnificence of the Messiah – Part 10'. I will be preaching on Mark 7:14-23 where Jesus has some very challenging words for us all today. The title of my talk is – 'Messiah – Lifestyle'. Derek

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 SUNDAY'S SERVICE – 19<sup>th</sup> April.** Brenda's band will be leading worship before Simon brings us Part X1 of our series, 'The Magnificence of the Messiah'. The title of his talk will be 'Messiah – who is he?' based on Mark 8v27-38. This service will also include communion. Don't miss this as we are nearing the end of this series.

**CAN YOU HELP?** For health & safety reasons we are asking for volunteers who are qualified first aiders or medical professionals to be available on a Sunday mornings for emergency cover as our church is growing. Hopefully we can then create a workable rota.

Also we are asking for help to monitor the car parking on a Sunday morning - making sure where possible that drivers park at the back by the hedges first and avoid parking near the junction between Sefton Road and Gossamer Lane. Hopefully we can then again put together a rota. If you can help us in either of these health & safety aspects of our church, please contact me John Bell on 07583468369. Thank you for your help in advance.

**AN URGENT APPEAL FOR HELP!!** On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> of this month we have 2 funerals. We have been asked to cater for approximately 100 people at each. As many helpers as possible would be greatly appreciated! Could I also ask for home-made cakes of any description as I know we have many excellent cake makers in our midst.

On both days, the refreshments follow a Thanksgiving Service at ABC for the lives of Angela Halfacree and Andre Gaudoin.

Please contact me asap by any means - many thanks in anticipation. Brenda

**WORSHIP TEAM MEETING – 16<sup>th</sup> April 7pm.** Please try to prioritise this, especially the musicians and singers. This is a very important meeting about the future of our worship.

**URGENT CALL** – Are you looking for a homegroup? Then speak to me today. We will shortly be starting two new homegroups as the current groups are bursting at the seams. So, if you are not a member of a homegroup as yet - then this would be a good time to join. Derek

## This week's poem

In a world that often feels rushed and crowded with responsibilities, it's easy to become absorbed in the busyness of life and lose sight of what matters most. This poem gently reminds us to pause, reflect, and realign our hearts with Christ — the one to whom our true allegiance belongs.

### Busy, Busy, Busy

Busy, busy, busy — the day begins at speed,  
A list of things to finish, a thousand tasks to heed,  
The kettle boils, the phone calls, the errands never cease,  
And somewhere in the hurry, we misplace our inner peace.  
Busy, busy, busy — there's always more to do,  
Appointments, plans, and worries that quietly pursue,  
We rush from one thing to another, barely time to pray,  
And slowly, without noticing, we drift from God away.  
Busy, busy, busy — our world becomes so small,  
Our schedules fill the spaces, there's hardly room at all,  
For quiet moments listening, for hearts that pause and see,  
That life is more than busyness — it's who we're called to be.  
Busy, busy, busy — yet Jesus calls us still,  
To step aside and listen, to learn His gentle will,  
To place our true allegiance where lasting treasures stay,  
And find in Him the strength we need for each unfolding day.  
Busy, busy, busy — but life need not be so,  
For when we walk with Jesus, a different pace we know,  
The work remains before us, but now our hearts are free,  
For Christ becomes our centre — our true priority.  
Busy, busy, busy — yet let us not forget,  
Our lives belong to Jesus, our course is guided yet,  
And when the day is over, may this our story be:  
We served Him in the busyness — with quiet faithfulness.

TAB (The Aldwick bard)

**ADVANCE NOTICE - CHURCH FAMILY MEETING** - April 23rd, at 19.00pm. Please do make every effort to join us as we seek God's will for direction of our church. All are welcome.

**FOODBANK** - We are very grateful to all those who donate items for the Bognor Foodbank. Current urgently needed items are: **Coffee, Tinned Soup, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Meat and Rice Pudding**. Please place them in the donation point on the left-hand side of the church foyer

## PRAYER CORNER

Are you in need of prayer? Then contact one of the leadership team or email [contact@aldwickbaptist.co.uk](mailto:contact@aldwickbaptist.co.uk) for your prayer needs to be circulated.

### PRAYER NEEDS

Please remember the family of Angela Halfacree in your prayers as they mourn her passing. Angela's thanksgiving service will be held here on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1.00pm.

Please also hold Heather and Philip Gaudoin in prayer as they come to terms with the loss of their brother Andre. Andre's thanksgiving service will be held here on April 29<sup>th</sup> at 11.30am.

Please pray for Frank, who is still experiencing significant discomfort and ongoing health difficulties. Please pray for healing, relief from pain, and a deep sense of peace.

Please pray for Arthur who continues to struggle. Please pray for a definitive diagnosis, healing and for peace of mind.

Please pray for Heather and Ray Craddock who have both had problems over the last few weeks. Please pray for healing, correct treatment and healing.

Please pray for Michelle as she is struggling with her atrial fibrillation (Afib) & colitis. Please also pray for Michelle's nephew Adam who is living in Tel Aviv with his family. Pray too for all the people in the Middle East for an end to the wars in the Ukraine and Iran.

Please pray for Biddy Joyce's twin sister Judy who is having serious health problems at present.

Please pray for Daphne as she is struggling at present.

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