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²⁹ "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"
(Mark 8:29a)

Sunday 12th April 2026

Series: The magnificence of the Messiah

Part XI: Messiah – Who is He?

Mark 8: 27-38

Simon Downing

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE – 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.

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 – 26th April. Clive's band will be leading worship before Simon brings us Part XII of our series, 'The Magnificence of the Messiah'. The title of this final talk in this series will be 'Messiah – Who He is?' based on Mark 9v2-12. Don't miss the culmination of this thought provoking series.

THIS WEEK - 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.

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 22nd and Wednesday 29th 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

FOODBANK - We are very grateful to all those who donate items for the Bognor Foodbank. Current urgently needed items are: Small jars of coffee, Tinned rice puddings, Tinned fruit, Biscuits and UHT Milk (green). Please place them in the donation point on the left-hand side of the church foyer

This week's poem

In a world full of opinions about Jesus, this poem invites us to pause and reflect on who He truly is — and, more personally, who He is to each of us.

Who Do You Say He Is?

He did not come with sword or crown,
No throne of earthly might,
But walked among the weak and poor
And brought God's truth to light.

He did not seek the praise of crowds,
Nor power, wealth, or fame,
But spoke of grace and lived with love
And healed in God's great name.

He did not turn away from pain,
Nor choose the easy way,
But bore the cross for all our sin
And took our guilt away.

And yet He calmed the raging storm,
And yet He made men whole,
He spoke with power, forgave our sin,
And reached the deepest soul.

So who is this, so full of grace,
So strong, yet meek and mild?
The Son of God, the promised King,
The Saviour undefiled.

And now the question comes to us,
As clear as it was then:
Not what the world may say of Him —
But will you follow Him?

TAB (The Aldwick bard)

THINKING ABOUT BAPTISM – We're holding a baptismal service on **May 10th** — 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. We have even bought some new handrails to ensure your safety. If you'd like to explore this further, we'd love to chat with you. Simon and Derek

URGENT CALL – Are you part of a homegroup? If not, please speak to me today. We would love everyone to belong to a group, as they are an integral part of our pastoral care. Derek

PRAYER CORNER

Are you in need of prayer? Then contact one of the leadership team or email 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 22nd 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 29th at 11.30am.

Please pray for Simon as he leads these services, asking that God will sustain and strengthen him. Alongside his many responsibilities, these occasions can carry a significant emotional weight, and we ask that he may know God's peace, wisdom, and renewal at this time.

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

Please pray for all the people in the Middle East and for an end to the wars in the Ukraine and Iran.

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