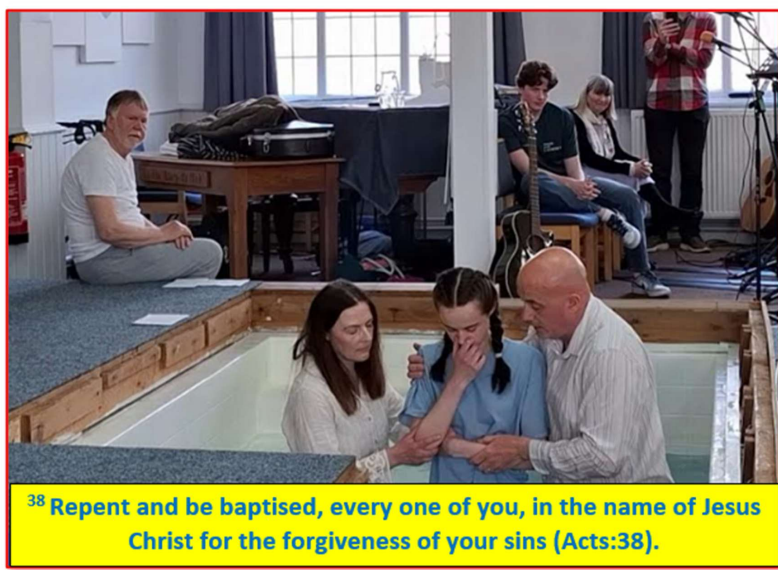




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Sunday 13th September 2026

Our baptismal service

"Whose are you?"

Isaiah 43:1-2, 3a, 4a, 5a

Derek Robinson

SUNDAY'S BAPTISMAL SERVICE – 13th September. There are few occasions in the life of a church more joyful than seeing someone publicly declare, "I have decided to follow Jesus." This Sunday will be holding a Baptismal Service — a wonderful opportunity to celebrate a life changed by Jesus and to be reminded of the difference He can make in every one of our lives. Please make this a Sunday you won't want to miss — and why not invite a friend or family member to come with you? Come and celebrate with us as Simon's band leads us in worship and Derek brings God's word to us based on Isaiah 43:1-5. Whether you're part of our church family or visiting us over the summer, we'd love to welcome you. If you're unable to join us in person, you can watch the service online at:

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE – 20th September. Brenda's band will be leading our worship before Simon brings us part 2 of his talks on 'Prayer dynamics'. His talk is entitled – 'Armour of God' based on Ephesians 6:10-18. Do join us.

COMING SOON – Our harvest celebration will be held on Sunday 4th October. More details next week.

TONY WOOD – Tony's funeral service will be held at Arun Crematorium on Friday, 25th September at 12:30pm followed by a celebration of his life at 1.30pm here at ABC. Please continue to pray for Cilla, Briana and Alexander as they come to terms with the loss of Tony. Pray that they will know God's comfort and peace in the days ahead, and that He will give them strength as they adjust to life without him.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE – CHRISTMAS SHOW BOX APPEAL - This is a hands-on way for you to bless children in need across the world by filling shoeboxes with toys, personal care items, school supplies, and fun gifts. The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. If you want to take part, talk to Brenda today.

FOODBANK - We are very grateful to all those who donate items for the Bognor Foodbank. Current urgently needed items are: **Tinned rice pudding, Tinned fruit, Biscuits, UHT milk, Spreads.**

Please place them in the donation point on the left-hand side of the church foyer.

PREACHING TEAM – Derek will be preaching at Swanfield Chapel in Chichester on Sunday 20th September. Please pray for a positive response to his message.

A BIG THANK YOU – to all those who helped with the Church clearance and tidy up last Saturday. Everything went very smoothly.

This week's poem

Most of life is lived in ordinary moments — familiar routines, everyday tasks and small decisions. Yet it is often in the ordinary that we discover something deeper: the God who knows us by name, walks with us through every season, and gently reminds us, **“You are Mine.”**

Through Ordinary Days

The alarm rings in the morning,
the kettle starts to sing;
there's shopping to remember,
and all the day will bring.

A phone call, an appointment,
a neighbour at the door;
the little jobs keep coming —
and somehow there are more!

We hurry through our busy days,
with scarcely time to see
that underneath the ordinary
lie deeper mysteries.

For every day brings choices,
and roads we've never known;
some paths are bright and easy,
and some we walk alone.

Yet there is One who knows us,
who calls us each by name;
who walks beside us through the years,
whose love remains the same.

And sometimes faith is simply
one step into the new;
not knowing where the road may lead,
but knowing God is true.

So through the joys and troubles,
through laughter and through tears,
we place our lives within His hands
and trust Him with our years.

For underneath life's busyness,
one truth remains divine:
we hear the voice of God who says,
“You are forever Mine.”

TAB (The Aldwick bard)

PRAYER CORNER

PRAYER REQUESTS. If you are in need of prayer, then email contact@aldwickbaptist.co.uk

RONNIE GAYLE PRAYER REQUESTS – Please pray for a long-time friend of my late ex-wife and myself, Milly Holden whose cancer has come out of remission, and she has been told that she will need chemotherapy treatment.

Pray too for my sister Pauline Gayle has just been diagnosed with breast cancer, and will need 5 days of radiotherapy as part of her treatment.

PAUL COX – Paul's funeral will be held at St. John's church in Southbourne on Monday 28th September at 10.30am. Paul was the minister at Southbourne Free Church until he died suddenly in August. Please pray for his wife Veronica and for the church community in Southbourne who were all devastated by his sudden death.

IAN SURRELL – Ian is currently still in St. Richard's hospital although he is hoping he can return home very soon (possibly before you even read this). Do pray for ongoing healing and peace of mind. Do thank God that Ian remains cheerful.

JOY SMITH – Do pray for Joy as she continues to struggle with her health. Pray too for John who is concerned about Joy's health and for the rest of the family.

GILL AND TREVOR GUY – We would be grateful for the continued prayer of the church family for our daughter in law Kay as she undergoes a long, intense course of chemotherapy.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY – For Frank, Marion Collins, Arthur Magee, Marion Bryant, Marie Stoneham, Daphne Ashby, Haxel Bell and many others in the fellowship who are struggling with various health issues.

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