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⁹ Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.
(Galatians 6:9)

Sunday 4th October 2026
Our family worship service
Harvest
Galatians 6:8b-10
Simon Downing

SUNDAY'S SERVICE – 4th October. Do join us for our monthly family service as Simon and his band lead us in inspiring worship! This week, we will celebrate the Lord's generous provision in the harvest, giving thanks for His goodness and faithfulness throughout the year. Come with your family and friends to enjoy a joyful time of praise, reflection, and thanksgiving. Whether you are part of our regular church family or visiting us for the first time, you will be very welcome.

If you're unable to join us in person, you can watch the service online at:

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

BREAKFAST TIME – 9:30AM (All Ages Welcome) - 4th October - 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!

HARVEST DONATIONS – Please Harvest donations can be brought to the church before or during the service on Sunday 4th October.

Donations will be given to Bognor Foodbank.

Their shopping list is:

- Soups, Tinned tomatoes, Tinned vegetables (Peas, carrots and sweetcorn)
- Tinned meats (chilli con carne, chicken curry, stewed steak, corn beef, ham, etc)
- Tinned fruit, Biscuits, Tea or coffee, UHT Milk, UHT apple or orange juice
- Spreads (Jam, Peanut butter, Honey or Chocolate spread), Toilet rolls,
- Any toiletries (deodorants, shower gel, toothpaste, body wash)
- Laundry products

NEXT SUNDAY 11th October – Next Sunday Brenda's band will be leading worship before Simon brings God's word to us as he continues with our series 'Preparing for revival. The title of Simon's talk is 'The full Gospel – Word and Sprint' based on Acts 2:1-24. Do join us.

ADVANCED NOTICE – OCTOBER CHURCH MEETING – Thursday, 22nd October, 7pm in the church. Do join us as we seek God's direction for His church here at Aldwick.

MONTHLY FAMILY PRAYER GATHERING – Please join us Tuesday 6th October in the church as we give thanks to the Lord for His ongoing protection and seek to discern God's vision for the church. The meeting starts at 7pm and lasts 1 hour.

This week's poem

Life rarely goes entirely to plan. Sometimes it is the little frustrations that test our patience; at other times we face challenges that demand far more courage and perseverance. Yet the Christian journey reminds us that we do not have to face either alone. **Keep Going** reflects on those everyday struggles — and the God who walks with us through them all.

KEEP GOING

Some days the road seems easy,
The sun is warm and bright;
Some days each step is harder,
And nothing quite goes right.
The car won't start, the bus is late,
The plans we made go wrong;
We sigh, begin, and try again,
And somehow carry on.
But other hills are steeper,
And harder still to climb:
A prayer that seems unanswered,
A struggle lasting time.
A door that will not open,
A burden hard to bear;
A path that stretches onwards,
When hope seems scarcely there.
Yet faith is forged by walking,
One step, then one step more;
Still trusting in God's goodness
When we can't see what's before.
For God has never promised
A pathway free from strain;
But He has promised strength enough
To rise and walk again.
So, when the road seems endless,
And courage feels worn through,
Hold firmly to the One who says,
"I'll walk each step with you."

TAB (The Aldwick bard)

CHURCH PHONE NUMBER - 07743 257 860. If you want to contact the church use this number and leave a message as this phone is not constantly monitored.

PRAYER CORNER

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

IAN SURRELL – Ian is slightly more settled now that he is back at home. He does still have multiple problems which makes life difficult. Please pray for ongoing healing, peace of mind and thank the Lord that Ian is still smiling despite his ongoing problems.

ROSEANNE GOULD – Please continue to pray for Roseanne as she awaits further hospital appointments to decide on the most suitable treatment for her damaged shoulder. She is likely to need replacement shoulder surgery. Please pray for a swift decision on what is needed followed by a successful operation. Please pray too for peace of mind.

ANAYA DOWNING – Do pray for Anaya as she settles into her university course. Pray too for Emily as she begins her third year. Pray too for Simon and Nicky as they get use to both girls being away from home.

CILLA WOOD – Please continue to pray for Cilla as she adjusts to life without Tony. Please pray too for Briana and Alexander. Please pray for peace of mind.

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 Marion Collins, Arthur Magee, Marion Bryant, Marie Stoneham, Daphne Ashby, Hazel Bell and many others in the fellowship who are struggling with various health issues.

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