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Vision: Loving God, Loving Each Other, Loving Lost People

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



Sunday 22nd November 2026

Series: Preparing for revival

The Vine

John 15:1-8

Simon Downing

SUNDAY 22nd NOVEMBER – The Vine – Living Through Jesus (John 15:1–8)
What does it really mean to live as a Christian? Is it simply about attending church, doing good deeds and trying to live a better life? Or is there something far deeper? As we conclude our *Preparing for Revival* series this Sunday, Simon turns to Jesus' wonderful picture of the vine and its branches. We will discover that true Christian living is not simply about what we do for Jesus, but about allowing His life to flow through us, transforming our attitudes, our relationships and our everyday choices. And perhaps the greatest challenge is this: what might happen in our church and our community if we truly learned to live this way?
If you're unable to join us in person, you can watch the service online through the Current Sermons page of our website or by using this link.
https://www.aldwickbaptist.co.uk/category/current-sermons
NEXT SUNDAY – Simon's band will be leading worship before Clive returns to the series, *Living by Faith in Our Modern World*. The title of his talk is "Wise stewardship of God's gifts" based on Matthew 6v31-33, Hebrews 13v16: series.

A CHRISTMAS CARD FOR EVERYONE! - This Christmas, instead of sending individual cards to one another, we will be displaying a large Christmas card in the church for everyone to sign and share their Christmas greetings. It's a lovely way to wish our whole church family a Happy Christmas, while saving the cost of buying and sending individual cards.

If you would like to donate some of the money you save, all contributions will go to the Barnabas Fund, supporting Christians around the world who face persecution and hardship.

Let's share the joy of Christmas while bringing hope to others!

SHOE BOXES - A huge thank you to all who filled a shoe box - a total of 126 were collected from ABC, 65 of which were from our members and friends. That's 126 children who will receive a Christmas present and learn about Jesus from the books that accompany each box.

Will you please pray for protection for these boxes, that they will have a safe journey and be directed to the most needy areas.

Last Christmas, a little girl , on opening her shoe box in Poland, found an exact copy of her favourite doll she had lost when her home was bombed in Ukraine - only God could have made that possible!

The boxes are currently being sorted in Southampton then loaded onto lorries for their final destination. Your generosity and prayers are greatly appreciated.

This week's poem

We often imagine that making a difference in the world requires something extraordinary. Yet it is in the small, everyday moments — a kind word, a little patience, a helping hand — that our faith can shine most brightly. This week's poem reminds us that when we allow the love of Jesus to flow through our lives, even the simplest acts of kindness can touch someone's heart.

In the Little Things

It's easy to be patient when
The world is calm and bright,
But harder when the day goes wrong
And nothing turns out right.

When someone speaks an unkind word,
Or pushes past in haste,
We have a choice to make just then —
To wound, or offer grace.

The neighbour who lives all alone,
The friend who's lost their way,
May need no more than time to talk,
A kindness shown today.

A gentle word, a listening ear,
A hand stretched out in care,
May seem such small and simple things,
Yet Christ is present there.

For we are branches of the Vine,
His life our strength each day;
And as His love flows through our hearts,
It guides us on our way.

So let us live in such a way
That those whose paths we share
May glimpse the love of Christ in us,
And know that He is there.

TAB (The Aldwick bard)

ALONE AT CHRISTMAS? – For the past 10 years, The Shore Community Church has hosted Christmas Lunch together, a free Christmas Day event for members of the local community. You invited to join them for a warm and welcoming traditional Christmas lunch, lovingly prepared and served with all the trimmings. A vegetarian option will also be available. The event is completely free of charge.

Book a place now by emailing Carla (office@theshorecommunity.church). You must book before 11th December but the earlier the better!

CHRISTMAS CRAFT EVENING – Thursday 26th November at 7.15 pm in the church. Please let Nicky know if you can help on the evening. Please let Corinne and Richard know if you can help rearrange the furniture on Friday 27th at 9.30am. Please consider inviting someone to this event. Places need to be booked in advance, text Nicky on 07943537785. £5 per person to cover the cost of materials, payable on the evening.

THE WELL OF HOPE – CHRISTMAS APPEAL – DON'T FORGET UKRAINE. Ian is organising a collection of goods (which must be new or in excellent condition) geared to Christmas especially for the children - many of whom will have lost loved ones. His wish list is: Toiletries, Christmas chocolate bars/ sweets, Clothes, Toys etc. We will have to store your gifts temporarily in the youth room whilst we liaise with the transport coordinator. We need to act asap so as to get the goods to Ukraine well before Christmas. Clive

PRAYER CORNER

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

JIM CHAPLAIN – Jim is on the mend but still not 100%. He has low blood pressure, rather quiet and his restricted mobility. Do pray for his ongoing healing.

BRENDA NANSON – Brenda is still unwell and staying away from other people for a few more days. Do thank the Lord for her small improvement and pray for ongoing healing.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY – For Vivienne Newman, Ian Surrell, Sandy and Kevin Kindleysides, Cilla Wood, Joy Smith, Marion Collins, Arthur Magee, Marion Bryant, Marie Stoneham, Daphne Ashby, Hazel Bell, Eileen Miller and many others in the fellowship who are struggling with various health issues.

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