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

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Aldwick Baptist Church

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Series: Living by Faith in Our Modern World

Open handed generosity – Wise stewardship

Matthew 6v25-33, Hebrews 13v16

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SUNDAY 29th NOVEMBER – OPEN-HANDED GENEROSITY – WISE STEWARDSHIP. (Matthew 6v25-33, Hebrews 13v16)

In a world where financial pressures and uncertainty encourage us to hold tightly to what we have, Jesus invites us to live differently. This Sunday, as we conclude our series *Living by Faith in the Modern World*, we will explore how trusting God's provision frees us to share His blessings with others.

True generosity is not simply about money, but about giving our time, our gifts and our love to those around us.

Are we living with closed fists, holding tightly to what we have, or with open hands, trusting God and blessing others?

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 – FAMILY NATIVITY SERVICE - We will come together for our special Family Nativity Service, celebrating the wonderful story of Jesus' birth (Luke 2:1–14). As we revisit that first Christmas in Bethlehem, we will be reminded that the greatest gift the world has ever received came not wrapped in splendour, but lying in a humble manger. Bring your family, invite a friend, and join us for a morning of worship, encouragement and fellowship. Everyone is warmly welcome!

BREAKFAST TIME – 9:30AM (All Ages Welcome) – 1st November - 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!

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!

This week's poem

When we think of generosity, we often think of giving money or making some grand gesture. Yet some of the most precious gifts we can offer cost nothing at all — a listening ear, a little of our time, a word of encouragement or a simple act of kindness. This week's poem reminds us that generosity begins with an open heart, and that even the smallest gift, offered in love, can make a lasting difference to someone's life.

The Gift of an Open Hand

We may not have great wealth to share,
Or treasures stored away,
But all of us have gifts to give
To someone else today.

A neighbour longing for a chat,
A friend weighed down by care,
May find their burdens lighter when
We take the time to share.

A smile exchanged, a helping hand,
A kindness freely shown,
Can bring a little warmth and hope
To hearts that feel alone.

And when our own resources seem
Too little to divide,
We learn that love grows stronger still
When shared, not kept inside.

For God has blessed us in so much
That money cannot buy;
The time to care, the strength to serve,
The tears that we can dry.

So may we live with open hands,
And hearts that trust His care,
That others, through the love we show,
May find God's presence there.

TAB (The Aldwick bard)

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.

PRAYER CORNER

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

JOHN COWLEY – Unfortunately John's shingles have returned and, coupled with a heavy, he is feeling quite dreadful Please pray for renewed strength, healing and peace of mind.

SANDY AND KEVIN KINDLEYSIDES – On Tuesday 1st December Kevin should be having his hip replacement operation. Please pray that this goes ahead and is successful. Sandy continues to make slow but steady progress as she builds up her strength in preparation for gall bladder surgery in a few weeks' time. Please remember them both in your prayers, asking God to give them strength, peace and encouragement.

VIVIENNE NEWMAN – Vivienne had a nasty fall last week and ended up at St. Richard's Hospital. She is home again now but still a bit shaken up. Do pray for healing, stability and peace of mind.

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 improving slowly but is still feeling weak and needs to build up her strength gradually. Do thank the Lord for her small improvement and pray for ongoing healing.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY – For Ian Surrell, Joy Smith, 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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