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**Sunday 2nd February 2025**

**A Family service**

**'Serve one another'**

**Ephesians 6:5-9**

**John Smith & Simon Downing**

**TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE** – Simon's band will be leading worship, and John will be coordinating the service. This service will also include Breakfast Time which is open to all ages from 9.30am. Breakfast time is a place to encourage Christians and non-Christians alike, to share in some food together, before the family services begin. It is about using the gifts of relationships, hospitality, generosity, and kindness to make people feel valued. It is about helping people feel that they 'belong.' As relationships develop, the sharing of one's faith may also emerge in time.

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.alldwickbaptist.co.uk/category/current-sermons>.

**NEXT WEEKEND'S WORSHIP SERVICE 9<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2025** – Brenda's band will be leading worship, and Simon will be bringing God's word to as he begins a new series entitled 'The Seven Churches' based on the opening chapters of Revelation – the final book of the Bible. Simon's first talk is 'The Seven Churches – preliminary – Exalted Son of Man' based on Revelation 1:13-20. Don't miss this!

**WE NEED YOUR KEYS** – We are running short of church keys. These keys can't easily be obtained and are very expensive – so if you have a key and only use it occasionally – can you return it to John Smith as soon as possible?

**FEBRUARY LUNCH CLUB** - We are sorry to announce that due to staff illnesses, we are having to cancel February Lunch Club. Apologies for any inconvenience this causes but we have no alternative – Brenda.

**TALKING ABOUT LUNCH CLUB** – Although we have a fantastic kitchen team, Brenda could really do with some help with the ordering and collection of food. Is this something you could do? If so, talk to Brenda.

**HAVE YOU CONSIDERED BAPTISM?** - Have you considered taking the step of obedience and faith through baptism? Baptism is a powerful declaration of your commitment to Jesus—a public testimony that you have been made new in Him. Romans 6:4 says, "*We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.*" If you feel God calling you to take this step, we would love to walk alongside you. Speak to one of the leaders today to learn more about this incredible opportunity to declare your faith!

**VAL COLLETT** – Our dear sister Val went to be with the Lord last Sunday morning. Some of you won't know Val as she has been living at Arun Lodge for some time and has been unable to get out. But for those who do, give thanks to the Lord for a wonderful life spent working tirelessly for other people and the Lord.

## This week's poem

This week Arthur's poem reminds us that we have a friend waiting for us with arms open wide even as we approach death. What a wonderful thought.

### My Friend

My friend is the King of Kings  
And yet, He is here beside me.  
Through the darkest night.  
He is here to guide me.  
When I feel I can't go on,  
I have His strength to lean upon.  
Remember the trials of life  
Are only temporary.  
But the love of Jesus  
Is for eternity.  
And those you loved  
and went before  
Will be waiting for you  
at heaven's door.  
Oh what joy there will be  
On that wonderful day.  
As we fall down on and knees  
And pray.

Arthur Magee

**UNITED IN MISSION** – The Baptist Assembly 2025 will explore what we can learn about local mission using global insight This will provide teaching and resourcing for mission which can make a difference in your local community. Taking place from noon Friday 16 May to 19:00 on Saturday 17 May at the [Bethel Convention Centre, West Bromwich](#). If you are interested talk to me! Derek.

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**Prayer Board****... and finally**

Please do pray for ladies currently living in care homes. Pray for Molly Hawkins at Burlington. Mary Bullock and Pam McClaren at Arun Lodge, Mo Howland at Westergate House and Pam Brown at Cherington's. They all miss coming to worship the Lord as members of His family. Please don't forget them.

Please continue to pray for Gary Edgington, Vivienne's son-in-law, and his family who are in a state of shock following Gary's recent diagnosis of oesophageal cancer. Gary has recently begun his chemotherapy and is anxious about the future. Please pray for peace of mind for Gary and the family and for healing.

Biddy Joyce has asked us to pray for her twin sister Judy, who lives in Twyford. Judy has a lot of health problems and is also most concerned about her daughter Marion who has major problems with her back. Please pray for peace of mind and healing.

Please pray for Angela Halfacree as needs our prayer support. Her mobility is not as good as it once was, and so please pray for her general well-being as well as improvements in her walking.

Please continue to pray too for David Hanchard who is still having problems with the ulcer on his ankle. Please pray that his wound will completely heal. Pray too for Haze and Jason as Haze's health is still a concern. Please pray too for healing for Polly who has been unwell for some time. Please continue to pray for Arthur our resident poet and his wife, Eileen.