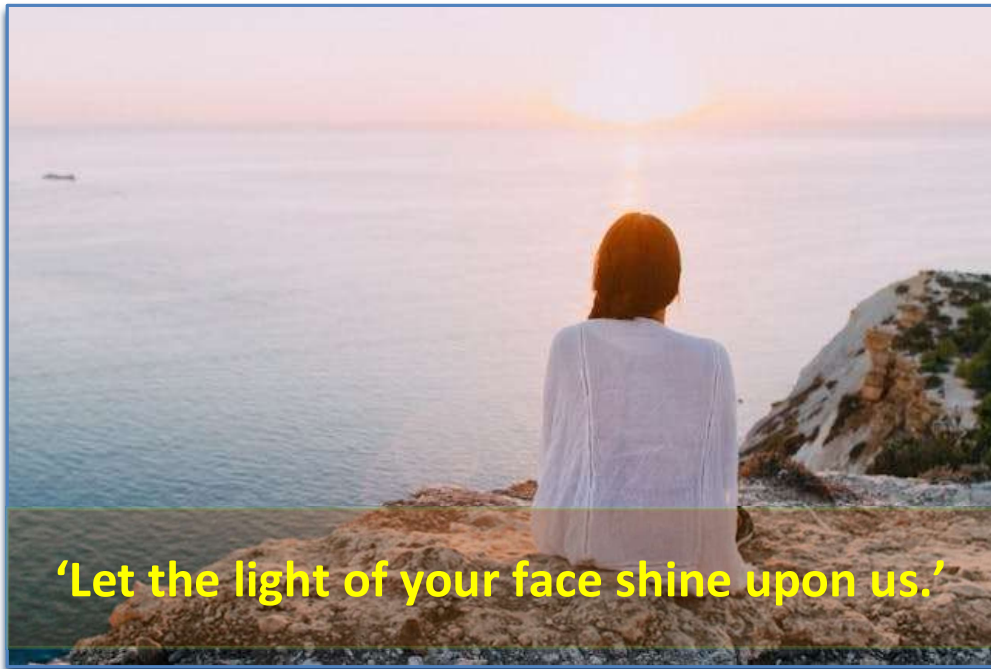




# ABC NEWS

aldwick baptist church



**'Let the light of your face shine upon us.'**

**Sunday 12th January 2025**

**Series: Word Study**

**The Face of God**

**Psalm 4:6, Psalm 27:8, Numbers 24:24-26**

**Simon Downing**

**TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE** – The theme for this service is a word study based on the 'Face of God'. Simon will be bringing his thoughts to us based on two specific verses - Psalm 4:6 where David asks the Lord to 'Let the light of your face shine on us'; and Psalm 27:8 where David calls out to the Lord, 'My heart says of you, 'Seek his face! Your face, Lord, I will seek.' This should be really interesting. Brenda's band will be leading worship provided Brenda has sufficiently recovered from her recent illness.

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

**NEXT WEEKEND'S WORSHIP SERVICE 18<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2025** - Simon's band will be leading worship as Clive returns to our series based on 1 Peter entitled. 'Living as Exiles: Hope, Holiness, and Honour'. Today we reach part 4 which is based on 1 Peter 2:1-25. The title of Clive's talk will be, 'Counter Culture Christianity'. This service will also include communion.

**TABLE TENNIS RETURNS** – Table Tennis is starting up again after the Christmas break in the back hall every Tuesday afternoon between 2pm to 4pm from 14th January - a week later than planned due to illness. We welcome everyone who has played or wants to start. We only charge £2.00 for the afternoon including tea, coffee and biscuits which leads to conversations about all things worldly. Don't be shy - give us a try. For further information contact John Bell on 01243968608 or simply turn up on the day!

**FIRST RESPONDER** –As Simon is continuing his phased return, I will continue to act as first responder for the time being, so please don't try to contact him, instead contact me in the case of problems.

**PLEASE NOTE THESE NEW NUMBERS** - Simon Downing (07411 919928); Church office (07743 257860).

**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!

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY MEETING** – Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 7.00 pm in the church. Please make every effort to attend. You can pick up a copy of the agenda from the back of the church.

## This week's poem

This week Arthur's poem reminds us that no matter where you go, you will always find God there before you – simply because God is everywhere. Now that is reassuring!

### What a wonderful world

I see God's face  
in a beautiful day  
I see his joy  
in a child at play  
I see his wonder  
in the stars at night  
I see his freedom  
in the birds in flight  
I see his love  
in a mother's eyes  
I see his glory  
in the golden sunrise  
I see his beauty  
in a kingfisher's wings  
I feel his peace  
when the Blackbird sings  
Oh what joy it brings  
when I see all these things  
Yes, I see my God in all creation  
His almighty power beyond imagination.

Arthur Magee

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## Prayer Board

... and finally

Please do thank God that Clive, Polly and Brenda as are all on the mind and hopefully will be back in church on Sunday. Please pray too for the Community Cafe as it restarts on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> January.

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. This is extremely serious. Please pray for peace of mind and healing.

Haze had a scan on Tuesday & saw the surgeons. It was positive news. Things are improving and the pain is slowly getting better. Haze has to take things easy for the rest of the week. Thank you all for your prayers. Jay and I are really grateful..

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 pray for Ray and Heather Craddock who are also suffering with and have both been very poorly, coughing, sneezing, fatigue and feeling generally unwell. We would value your prayers please as we are both very tired and unable to 'get up and go' which has go up and gone! . Please pray too for Athur Magee, Molly Hawkins, Mary Bullock, Pam McClaren, Val Colette, Mo Howland, Vivienne Newman, Hazel Bell - all of whom need our prayers. If you have a prayer need, do let me know! Derek.