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**Sunday 9th February 2025**

**Series: The Seven Churches**

**The Exalted Son of Man**

**Revelation 1:1-20**

**Simon Downing**

**TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE** – Brenda's band will be leading worship as Simon introduces us to 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. This series promises to be dramatic as well as challenging as the Apostle John reveals his final revelation from the Lord. The church today must never forget Christ's promise to return even though the exact manner of its fulfilment remains obscure. But that is not a problem for us to solve. What is clear is that Jesus will return suddenly – so we must always be ready.

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 16<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2025** – Clive's band will be leading worship, and I will be bringing God's word as we return to our series Living as Exiles: Hope, Holiness, and Honour based on 1 Peter. The title of this sermon is 'Living in Harmony and Facing persecution' based on 1 Peter 3:8-4:6. In the section, Peter encourages us as believers to live in harmony, love one another, and respond to evil with blessing. Sounds interesting – so don't miss it.!

**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?

**WEEKLY NOTES AND HOMEGROUP QUESTIONS** – These will no longer be distributed with the news sheet. I will continue to send them out online to those are on our mailing list and can provide hard copies for anyone else on request. This is the save paper and to avoid people reading the notes in church instead of listening to the speaker!

**LUNCH CLUB NEEDS YOU** – 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!

## This week's poem

This week Arthur's poem reminds us that we have been given a wonderful present from the Lord. A gift that surpasses all earthly treasures – the gift of life.

### The Gift of Life

How I love to walk down memory lane  
On how life used to be.  
To see again the loved ones.  
Who meant so much to me.  
  
To see once more those field of green.  
To fish in that peaceful stream.  
So many new songs to be sung  
In those wonderful days when I was young.  
  
Yes thankyou Lord  
For all those days gone by.  
Some that make me happy.  
But some that make me cry.  
  
But no matter where I roam  
I know the road will take me home.  
And because Jesus died for you and me  
It will be for eternity.

Arthur Magee

**IT'S GOOD NEWS** – We have now signed up to receive monthly copies of the 'Good News' newspaper. Please take one and read it at home and then share it with a friend or neighbour. Unlike our daily newspapers which seem to enjoy giving us bad news, this paper really is 'Good News' and that is a welcome change.

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## Prayer Board ... and finally

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. Pray too for Vivienne's daughter Karen who has been moved to a hospice as her life nears its end. Thank God that Vivienne was able to speak to Karen on the phone and say her goodbyes in a calm, peaceful and loving conversation.

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.