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“I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me”

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

**Series: Living as Exiles: Hope, Holiness, and Honour**

**Caring like Jesus**

**1 Peter 5:1-11**

**Clive Bennett**

**TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE** – Simon's band will be leading worship as Clive concludes our series on Living as Exiles: Hope, Holiness, and Honour with his talk entitled, 'Caring like Jesus' based on 1 Peter 5:1-14. Don't miss this! 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 FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025** – Simon's band will be leading worship as John masterminds another family service with the tantalising title, 'Jesus said ...'. 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. Don't miss this opportunity.

**JAKKI BURNS** -My great friend Jakki and I have attended ABC together since the early 1980's. Unfortunately, Jakki is now unable to be here with me as her Parkinson's disease and dementia now means she needs high dependency care. Please remember Jakki, her husband Robbie, and the family in your prayers. Jean Shaw.

**POLLY BENNETT** - Praise the Lord that Polly has now largely recovered from her recent pneumonia. Now however she is faced with a need to have further chemotherapy to treat her Non-Hodgkinson Lymphoma (NHL) beginning next week. Please thank the Lord for the peace she and Clive feel but pray that the treatment will be effective, and that Polly will be clear of any side effects. Clive

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS** – Sheila wants to thank you for your ongoing prayers for her granddaughter Lara who is now recovering after her recent operation. The doctors are hopeful that this is the breakthrough that Lara so desperately wants. Do also pray that Lara can enjoy a holiday break with her Dad as part of her recovery.

**EXHAUSTED, WORN OUT, ABOUT TO COLLAPSE?** - That accurately reflects our leadership team. There are only 5 of us including Simon trying to do the work of 9 people! Not only that but Clive's and Joy's term are about to end. Please nominate them immediately or there will only be 3 left! **BUT** – we urgently need new nominations too. Do you feel that could be you or do you recognise someone else who could help us. If you do, then talk to one of the dwindling number of deacons urgently!

## This week's poem

This week Arthur's poem reminds us that God's creation is so unbelievably complex and beautiful, that it has to be the work of an almighty creator!

### Just has to be a fool

When I see the sunset  
In the golden sky.  
The delicate wing  
Of a butterfly.

When I see the millions of stars in the Milky Way.

Lord, how it takes my breath away.

How can they take for granted

The miracle of creation.

So many wonders, known and unknown

Beyond our imagination.

When I see the wonder

All around

From the smallest creature

To the universe unbound.

Yes. When I see the wonder

Of it all.

The man who says there is no God

Has to be a fool,

Arthur Magee

**QUIZ QUESTION** – Who is the greatest ever living author? First three correct answers will all receive a fabulous Aldwick Baptist Pen. Answers by email to [contact@aldwickbaptist.co.uk](mailto:contact@aldwickbaptist.co.uk) or in writing to me!

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## Prayer Wall

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**DON'T FORGET**  
**MONTHLY FAMILY PRAYER MEETING**  
Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 7.00pm

### LATE NEWS

Ian Surrell is in hospital having been taken ill and has had two stents fitted in his heart on Friday. Do pray for a speedy recovery

Mary Bullock passed away early on Saturday morning. Please thank God for Mary's life and pray for her friends and family.

Please do pray for our 5 baptismal candidates: Anaya, Anaiah, Hazel, Ian and Richard as they begin to plan their testimonies. Do also pray for anyone else who is thinking about baptism.

Brian Goldsmith, a former deacon here, has had a stroke and is currently in Lavant Ward at St. Richard's Hospital. Please pray for healing and peace of mind. He would welcome visitors!

Please do pray for ladies currently living in care homes. Pray for Molly Hawkins at Burlington, 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.