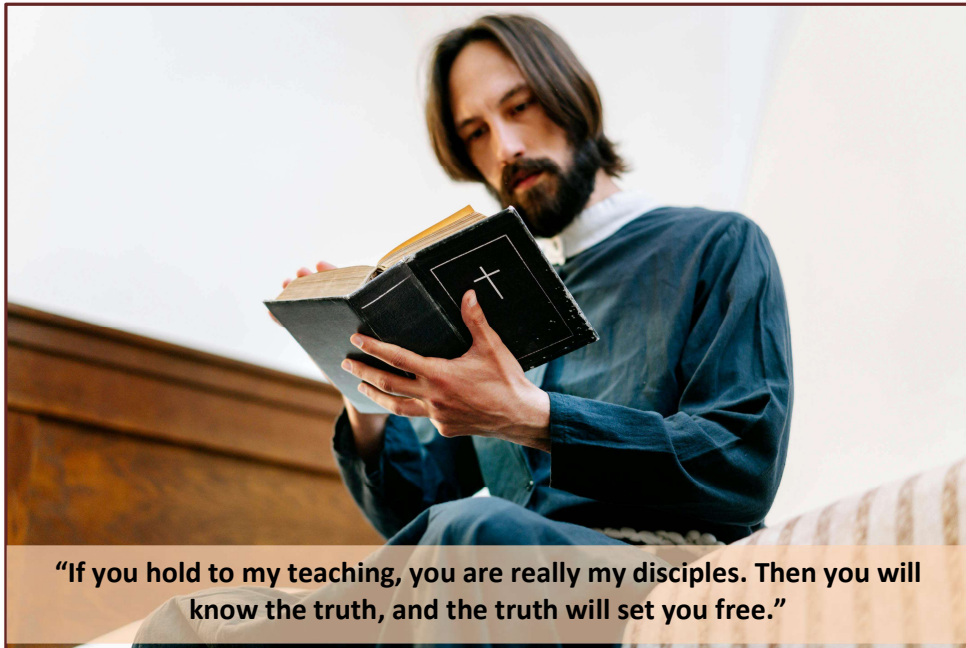




ABC NEWS

aldwick baptist church



“If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

Sunday 6th April 2025
Our monthly family worship service

Jesus said ...

John 4:25-26

John Smith

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE – 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.

NEXT WEEKEND'S WORSHIP SERVICE 13th April 2025 Brenda's band will be leading worship as Simon brings God's word to us with the interesting title, 'Palm Sunday – Recognition!' based on John 12:1-3, 12-16. You have probably worked out from the title that next Sunday is Palm Sunday which of course marks the beginning of Easter week.

EASTER WEEK – Key service dates here at ABC

Sunday, 13th April – Palm Sunday morning service 10.30am

Thursday 17th April – Maundy Thursday devotional communion service 7.00pm

Friday 18th April – Good Friday service 10.30am

Saturday 20th April – Easter Sunday baptismal service 10.30am

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.

TODAY'S FLOWERS – The flowers this week were given by Tricia and John in celebration of our Diamond Wedding Anniversary on Thursday 3rd April.

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!

QUARTERLY CHURCH MEETING – Thursday, 24th April at 7pm in the church.! There will be a very important announcement at this meeting so please make every effort to be here!

This week's poem

This week Arthur's poem reminds us of days gone by when the world seemed a much more tranquil place. But Arthur also hints that the best is yet to come!

The road back home

How I would love
To take that road back home.
To see how life used to be.
Just to see once more the loved ones
That meant the world to me.
Just to play once more
In those fields of green.
And to fish once more
By that peaceful stream.
So many new songs
to be sung,
'Thank you, Lord' for the gift of life.
To be aware and free.
And to be with you Lord,
For ever and ever in eternity.

Arthur Magee

MARY BULLOCK – Have any of you got memories of Mary Bullock that could be included in her eulogy on 23rd April? If so, please let me know. Derek.

AN INTERESTING QUESTION – Would you like to be the new editor of the Church News sheet? Could you take the sheet in a new direction? Is it time for a change? Talk to me if that appeals to you! Derek .

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Prayer Wall

... and finally

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MARY BULLOCK'S cremation will be held at Chichester Crematorium at 9.30am on Wednesday 23rd April. This will be followed by a service of thangsgiving here at 10.30am. More details to follow.

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.

Good news - Ian Surrell is back at home having had two stents fitted to his heart. Early signs were promising but Ian is still struggling with his breathing and consequently can't walk. Do thank God for his safe return to us but also pray for future healing.

Do pray for Haze's dad who has an infection at the moment which is causing him to be confused and struggle with his mobility. Do pray for healing and for the doctors as they carry out more tests.

Do continue to pray for Brian Goldsmith, following his recent stroke. Please pray for healing and peace of mind.

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.