

# ALDENHAM CHURCH

## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

### PEW SHEET for

Sunday 9th January 2022

The service is **Family Communion**  
**The Epiphany**

*There is a pre-recorded, Common Worship Communion for Epiphany service which is available on the following link at any time:*

<https://youtu.be/1PAUAecbvWQ>

### Order of Service

**Opening hymn:** 'Brightest and best are the sons of the morning' (NEH 49)

### Greeting/Prayers of Penitence/Absolution

#### Collect

O God,  
who by the leading of a star  
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:  
mercifully grant that we  
who know you now by faith,  
may at last behold your glory face to face;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Epistle:** Isaiah 60. 1 - 6 read by Luke Ellis

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.  
For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the LORD will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.  
Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.  
Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;



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REGARDING  
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### Children's Video

This Children's video  
is still available:  
**'Jesus and the  
Teachers'**  
and can be viewed on  
this YouTube link:  
[1st Sunday of Christ-  
mas, Year C - Jesus and  
the Teachers - YouTube](#)



your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.  
Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.  
A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.  
They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

### Gradual hymn:

'Bethlehem, of noblest cities' (NEH 48)

### Gospel reading:

Matthew 2. 1 - 12 read by the Vicar

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

### Please pray for:

Dennis Day,  
Kim Jenkins,  
Fiona McGuinness,  
Isla & Don Hart,  
Pat Meloy,  
Jack, Natalia,  
Rostislav Myslov,  
Maureen Warner,  
Giles Stewart,  
Jill and Martin Grundy,  
Geraldine Wright,  
Justin Halifax,  
Lucy Gammon,  
Dorothea and John  
Mayne,  
John Keeley  
And Rachel Lam

### Pastoral Care

If you need care or  
assistance at any time,  
please don't  
hesitate to contact the  
Vicar,  
Sue Barnard or  
Annie Wiggs.

**Sermon:** Vicar

**Prayers of intercession** - Sue Barnard

**The Peace**

**Offertory hymn:**

'As with gladness, men of old' (NEH 47)

**The Eucharist Prayer / Prayer of Humble Access  
/ Breaking of the Bread**

**The Giving of Communion**

**Communion hymn:**

'Behold, the great creator makes' (NEH 23)

**Blessing and Dismissal**

**Final hymn:** 'We three Kings of orient  
are' (Bethlehem Carol Sheet 26)

## **EVENSONG at 6.30pm.**

**Opening hymn:**

'Born in the night, Mary's child' (NEP 602)

**Confession/Absolution**

**Lords Prayer and versicles/responses**

**Psalms:** 46

**Reading: Isaiah 55. 1 - 11** read by Gill Gillam

**Magnificat**

**Reading: Romans 6, 1 - 11**, read by Pat Bromley

**Nunc Dimittis**

**Creed**

**Versicles/responses**

**Collect for the Day and 2nd/3rd Collect**

**Address:** Vicar

**Hymn:** 'Every Star shall sing a Carol' (NEP 603)

**Prayers**

**Hymn:**

'There's a wideness in God's mercy' (NEH 700)

**Blessing**

**Next week's  
service will be  
Mats in the morning  
with Evensong at  
6.30pm**

*You can download or view  
this Pew Sheet from the  
'News' tab on the church  
website:*

[News - ALDENHAM CHURCH](#)



## **2022 Church Calendars**

The new 2022 Desk Calendar featuring pictures of the church for each month. Measuring approx. 8" x 8" with a folding base to make it freestanding, perfect for your desk or sideboard or anywhere! Available in church for just £5 each complete with envelope or if you can't come to church email Ken at [ken@aldenhamchurch.com](mailto:ken@aldenhamchurch.com) and he will arrange delivery or postage to you for £2 extra. (Less for multiple copies!)

## **Notices**

**Thank you** - to Di Marsh and all who helped with the taking down of Christmas decorations this week. Christmas has come and gone all too quickly but we still have the Epiphany season, keeping the Crib and the Epiphany themes.

**MAP (Mission Action Planning)** - there will be a special PCC meeting on Thurs 20th January to start the process of a new MAP. Revd Kate Peacock will be joining us to help facilitate the meeting. MAP is a very important tool for the church, especially as we move from a full time Vicar to 'part time, house for duty' this summer.

There will be a wide consultation process but the members of the PCC will be very keen to hear any views you may have prior to this meeting.

### **St Albans Cathedral evening pilgrimage**

Tuesday 18th January. 7.15pm arrival and buffet followed by Pilgrimage prayer tour. Compline followed by a procession to the shrine of St Alban, departing at 9.10pm. Cost £10.

Please book with - [jjeremynewton@gmail.com](mailto:jjeremynewton@gmail.com).

or contact Robert for more information.

**Leaf Compost** - we have lots of leaf compost which was packed away last year and is nicely rotted down now. Bring some bags and help yourself, up the path to the extra land at the top of the churchyard, through the gate and in the big white bags. (NOTE - one bag is fresh, the others are rotted.)

**We look forward to seeing you at church but in view of the current situation please observe the following once again.**

- **Every other row of pews will be in use and we ask you to maintain a social distance between yourself and others.**
- **Refreshments will no longer be available after services and we ask you not to socialise inside the church please.**
- **PLEASE - Use the sanitiser unit or other bottles on entry.**
- **PLEASE - Wear a face covering before entering the church.**
- **Sign in with the Covid App if you have it.**
- **Taking a lateral flow test before coming to church will help protect us all.**
- **Despite all this we hope you enjoy your time with us and much regret that these precautions are again necessary.**

**Thank you for your understanding!**

**General questions or queries - [info@aldenhamchurch.com](mailto:info@aldenhamchurch.com)  
More information and diary - [www.aldenhamchurch.com](http://www.aldenhamchurch.com).**

