ALDENHAM CHURCH
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Pew Sheet for Sunday 29 January 2023

Order of Service - Epiphany 4
Matins

Opening hymn: 'O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness' (NEH 52)
Sentences/Confession/Absolution/Lord's Prayer
Versicles and responses
Venite
Psalm: 36, 5-10
1st Reading: 1 Corinthians 1, 18 - 31 read by Valerie Turner

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.

Hymn instead of Te Deum: 'Longing for light' (on separate sheet)
2nd Reading: John 2, 1-11 read by Linda Lambert

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Jubilate Deo
Creed
Collect for the day/Collect: God our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness: we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Please pray for:
Dennis Day, Kim Jenkins
Fiona McGuiness, Isla & Don Hart,
Pat Meloy, Jack, Natalia, Rosti
Myslov, Maureen Warner
Geraldine Wright, Lucy Haslar,
Michael Carter, John Mayne and
Maira & Alec Mathieson

Choir Anthem
Intercessions led by Jill Gillam
Hymn: 'Teach me, my God and King' (NEH 456)
Sermon: Vicar
Final hymn: 'Glorious things of thee are spoken' (NEH 362)
Blessing

12.15pm Baptism of Carter Davy-Martin

EVENSONG at 6.30pm

We welcome Revd Sarah Marshall to lead this service and preach

Opening hymn: ' Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim'(NEH 476)
Confession/Absolution
Lord's Prayer and versicles/responses
Psalm: 71, 1-6
Reading: Haggai 2, 1-9 read by Mark Jones
Magnificat
Reading: 1 Corinthians 3, 10-17 read by Pat Bromley
Nunc Dimittis
Creed
Versicles/responses
Collect for the Day and 2nd /3rd Collect
Address: Revd
Hymn: 'The Church's one foundation' (NEH 484)
Prayers
Hymn: 'The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended' (NEH 252)
Blessing

Pastoral Care

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

NOTICES

Communion: at the recent PCC meeting it was decided that we will now revert to pre-Covid administration of the bread and wine. So this is how it will now be for receiving Communion:-

1. Kneel at the altar rail or stand if kneeling is difficult or not possible.
2. Receive the wafer in your hands (which will not be intincted).
3. Remain for receiving wine from the chalice or just receive the bread in one kind. Receiving the bread only is efficacious and effective for receiving Communion.

We will also return to having the bread and wine brought up at the offertory from the nave to the altar.
We are not reinstating the collection plate but there are the large green collecting bottles that can be used and the 'tap and go' bank card reader.

The Team Retreat: will be held at Pleshey retreat house on **Friday 5th-Sunday 7th May.** The new Bishop of Hertford, Jane Mainwaring will be giving the address on Friday evening and Saturday morning. Please see Robert or Sue Barnard for more details.

The Hamper Scheme will be distributing food hampers this February half-term. They need donations please either for the hampers themselves or financial help which can be transferred to the Hamper Fund, Sort Code 20-74-09 Account No. 00816213.

Dates for your diaries

- Saturday 4 February Coffee Morning 10.30am - 12 noon
- Sunday 5 February 10.30m Candlemas Communion
- Sunday 12 February 10.30am Special Family Service for wedding couples
- 22 February - Ash Wednesday. Services at Christ Church and Shenley (details to follow)
- 19 March Mothering Sunday Family Service
- 9 April Easter Sunday

Can you help please?

Borehamwood Food Bank (St Teresa's Church 291 Shenley Road) urgently needs more volunteers Thursday mornings. Please speak to Elizabeth Hughes for details.