

ALDENHAM CHURCH ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



Pew Sheet for Sunday 12 March 2023 - Lent 3

Family Communion at 10.30am - Order of Service

Opening Hymn: 'Morning has broken' (NEH 237)

Greeting/Confession/Absolution

Collect: Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through 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.

Epistle: Romans 5, 1-11 read by Sophie Frankish

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Hymn: 'Breathe on me, Breath of God' (NEH 342)

Gospel: John 4, 5-26

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.' Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

Sermon: Vicar

Creed

Prayers of Intercession led by Jill Gillam

The Lord's Prayer/The Peace

Please Pray for:

Dennis Day, Kim Jenkins, Fiona McGuinness, Isla & Don Hart, Pat Meloy, Jack, Natalia, Rostilav Myslov, Maureen Warner, Geraldine Wright, Lucy Haslar, Michael Carter, David Rose, John Mayne, Maira & Alec Mathieson, Linda Prior and Catherine Treves-Brown

Offertory Hymn: 'Guide me, O thou great Redeemer' (NEH 368)
Eucharistic Prayer
Prayer of Humble Access
Communion
Communion Anthem: 'I heard the voice of Jesus say' (NEH 376)
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Final Hymn: 'Father Lord of all creation' (on separate sheet)
Blessing

EVENSONG at 6.30pm

Opening Hymn: 'Lord of all hopefulness' (NEH 239)
Confession/Absolution
Lord's Prayer and versicles/responses
Psalm: 40, 1-9
Reading: Ephesians 6, 10-20 read by Jill Gillam
Magnificat
Reading: John 2, 13-22 read by Martin Jeens
Nunc Dimittis
Creed
Versicles/responses
Collect for the Day and 2nd/3rd Collect
Address: Vicar
Hymn: 'Soldiers of Christ, arise' (NEH 449)
Prayers
Hymn: 'Fight the good fight' (NEH 359)
Blessing

Notices

Lent Course - Belief & Trust will take place every Wednesday in March at Christ Church, Vision Hall, Radlett from 7.30 - 8.45 pm. Here is a link to the page on the website which contains all the videos and handouts (as they are delivered, updated week by week) for the course - <https://www.christchurchstjohns.org.uk/lent2023-beliefandtrust.htm>

The Easter Hamper Scheme - please leave donations of chocolate eggs/biscuits/Easter treats at the back of the church by 20 March. Any financial donations please to Churches together at Barclays, Account No. 00816213, Sort Code 20-74-09

30 April @ 11.45 am (after the service) - Annual Parish Council Meeting followed by a lunch at the Golf Club. Please see Jill Gillam to book a place.

Dates for your diary

- 17 March - Friday's Lent Soup lunch will be hosted at Aldenham
- 19 March Mothering Sunday Family Service
- 22 March - PCC meeting @7.30pm in Church room
- 2 April Palm Sunday - 10.30 Holy Communion with the Passion narrative and Blessing of Palms
- 9 April Easter Sunday
- 30 April - Annual Parish Council Church Meeting @ 11.45 am (after the service) followed by a lunch at the Golf Club

Pastoral Care

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

Please note we are not reinstating the collection plate but we would welcome any cash donations in the green bottles at the back of the church or your card donations with the 'Tap and Pay' machine near the South door.

THANK YOU

General questions or queries - info@aldenhamchurch.com
More information and church diary - www.aldenhamchurch.com
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