

Notices

Looking forward:

Team retreat at Pleshey (near Chelmsford)
Friday 3rd – Sunday 5th May 2024.

The retreat leader, giving the talks will be Bishop Jane Mainwarring, who has kindly offered to lead next year. A wonderful opportunity to refresh and renew your faith. Please contact Sue Barnard or Robert for more details or to book a place.

Team Pilgrimage to Canterbury Cathedral

– Saturday 18th May 2024 - Churches Together are arranging this day trip to Canterbury. Cost depending on how many coming. Please can you indicate your interest to Robert. We have had previous days to Canterbury which have been very interesting and enjoyable.

Christ the King Team Communion service

26th November - next week.

10.30am at Christ Church, Radlett.

No morning service here at Aldenham.

Advent Sunday 3rd December

Advent talk – Monday 4th December

This will be given by Revd Jo Kelly-Moore, Dean of St Albans, at St John's Gills Hill, 7.30pm with seasonal refreshments.

HMS Aldenham service.

Sunday 10th December as part of our normal morning service.

Sunday 17th December –

Christmas Lunch at the Golf Club

Please see Jill or fill in the form at the back of the church if you would like to join us.

THANK YOU

To everyone who brought or donated 'Shoe Boxes' to the recent cause. They will be well received! Special thanks to Morwen Harris for organising this once again for us.

General questions or queries - info@aldenhamchurch.com

More information and diary - www.aldenhamchurch.com.

Donations - Barclays A/c No. 90100668 Sort Code 20-74-09

St. John the Baptist, Aldenham Parish Church

Christmas Services At Aldenham

17th December

6.30pm Nine Lessons and Carols

24th December Christmas Eve

10.30am Holy Communion

4.00pm Christingle

9.00pm Christmas Eve

Communion

Christmas Day

10.30am Family Communion

Sunday School

- will be starting again after a long lapse since Covid. Michelle Taylor with the help of four volunteers will be leading this new initiative.

We will begin on Advent Sunday, 3rd December and it will be running every 1st Sunday in the month.

The children will be in church for the first hymn and then re-join the congregation at the Communion when they can receive a Blessing at the Altar.

Please pass the word around to families with young children (2-12 year olds).

ALDENHAM CHURCH

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

**Pew Sheet for Sunday 19th
November 2023**

2nd Sunday before Advent

(Available also on our website
www.aldenhamchurch.com in the 'News' tab.)

**Join us on air at 10.30 and anytime in the
following week on this link:**

https://youtube.com/live/2_ul9lfPkuo

Matins

Opening Hymn: 'Be thou my vision' (NEH 339)

Sentences/Confession/Absolution/Lord's Prayer

Versicles and responses

Venite

Psalm 90, 1 - 8

1st Reading: Thessalonians 5, 1 - 11
read by Isabella Frankish

But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labour pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as others *do*, but let us watch and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and *as* a helmet the hope of salvation. For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him.

Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.



Please pray for:

Dennis Day,
Fiona McGuinness,
Isla & Don Hart,
Jack, Natalia,
Rostislav Myslov,
Maureen Warner,
Lucy Haslar,
John Mayne,
Catherine Treves-Brown,
Margaret Lewis and
Ruth Kalnina,
Joan Hill
and Alec Mattheson.

NEXT WEEK

**Christ the King
Team Service next
Sunday at 10.30.**

**No morning service
at Aldenham as we
all join together for
this special service.**

**Evensong at 6.30 as
usual.**

Hymn instead of Te Deum 'For the beauty of the earth' (NEH 285)

2nd Reading: Matthew 25, 14 - 30

read by Linda Lambert

For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money. After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them.

"So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.' His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.' His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

"Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.'

"But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents.

'For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Jubilate Deo

Creed

'On Air'
The Sunday morning service will be streamed via the following link:

https://youtube.com/live/2_u19lfPkuo

It will be 'live' just before 10.30 on Sunday or you can access it any time during the following week.

It is a 'YouTube' link and you don't need an account to view it. We look forward to welcoming you, wherever you are!

Versicles and responses

Collect for the day/Collect

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Intercessions: Sue Barnard

Hymn: 'Teach me my God and King' (NEH 456)

Sermon - Vicar

Final Hymn:

'Forth in Thy name, O Lord, I go' (NEH 235)

Blessing

EVENSONG at 6.30pm.

We welcome Revd Oliver Blease to lead and preach at this service.

Opening hymn: 'Through the night of doubt and sorrow' (NEH 468)

Confession

Lord's Prayer and versicles/responses

Psalm: 89, 1 - 8

Reading: Revelation 4, 1 - 18 read by Mark Jones

Magnificat

Reading: Luke 9, 1 - 6 read by Sue Barnard

Nunc Dimittis

Creed

Versicles/responses

Collect for the Day and 2nd/3rd Collect

Hymn: 'Come let us join our cheerful songs' (NEH 349)

Prayers

Hymn: 'The day Thou gavest' (NEH 252)

Blessing

URGENT HELP NEEDED

The old people's lunch club, which meets every Thursday at the Guide Headquarters, Radlett, is in urgent need of cooks and drivers. The required commitment is about once a month.

If you think you could help, would like to know more, or know someone who might, please contact Anne Newton on 01923 857230 or apnewton60@gmail.com

Thank you!

Christmas Hampers

The parishes of Radlett & Aldenham will be offering a Christmas Hamper to 25 families who we try to support in our community.

We can only afford to do this because of your generosity.

Once again, this year we are asking parishioners to donate a **box of biscuits or chocolates** to add to our hampers.

MANY THANKS for your support.
Please leave donations at the back of the church.

SATURDAY COFFEE/CONCERTS

On Saturday Dec 3rd.

The Kyra (gospel) Choir bring their special music to us.

On Saturday Jan 6th

Saxophonist Stephen Sidders with friends.

All concerts start at 11.30 with coffee and cake before! Details soon but please put the dates in your diary!