

# Aldenham



Church - Newsletter



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*Always a welcome here!*

December - March 2024

# Advent & Christmas

## Aldenham, Radlett & Shenley Team

### *December:*

- 3rd, 4pm - Christingle, Shenley
- 4th, 7pm - Advent Talk, St John's Church, Radlett
- 5th, 5.30pm - Schools Carol Concert, Christ Church, Radlett
- 10th, 4pm - Messy Christmas! Shenley
- 10th, 6.30pm - Ecumenical Carols, Christ Church, Radlett
- 16th, 6.45pm for 7.30pm, Radlett Choir Concert, Christ Church, Radlett
- 17th, 4pm - Christingle, St John's Church, Radlett
- 17th, 6.30pm - Nine Lessons & Carols, Aldenham
- 17th, 7pm - Carols & Candles, Shenley

### *Christmas Eve:*

- 3pm - Children's Service, Shenley
- 4pm - Christingle, Aldenham
- 6pm - The Big Family Service! Christ Church, Radlett
- 9pm - Christmas Eve Communion, Aldenham
- 11.30pm - Midnight Service, Shenley

### *Christmas Day:*

- 8am - Christmas Communion (BCP), Christ Church, Radlett
- 10am - Christmas Communion, Shenley
- 10am - Holy Communion, Christ Church, Radlett
- 10.30am - Christmas Family Communion, Aldenham

### *January:*

- 7th January, 10.30am - Sunday Fun Day, Christ Church, Radlett

## ***“And is it true?”***

I'm sure this questions goe's through so many people's minds, especially as we once again approach Christmas. 'Is it true?' Christmas is the Christian festival but can we believe this amazing truth that Jesus Christ was born into this world as fully God and also fully human, which is known as the 'mystery of the incarnation.'

For many people Christmas produces feelings of joy and happiness. The prospect of some holidays, parties, decoration, family reunions, presents and the enjoyment of being together. And here in the northern hemisphere there is the added mid-winter dimension of lights and the warmth of our homes (for most people).

Our churches will be welcoming many people over the Christmas season, some of whom it may be an annual visit. It is often a time that children are brought to church to special candlelight services (or here at Aldenham, the Christingle service on Christmas Eve). There will also be many who don't feel it necessary to attend a church service but still the question runs through their minds.

### ***And is it true?***

The actual birthday of Jesus Christ isn't known but this is the date chosen for the celebration. It's a date taken from the older pagan celebration of the 'unconquered sun.' About 30 years after His life on earth the first disciples and apostles decided that a record of His life must be written down. This is what we can read in the four Gospels. Other writings and letters were written and added, which form the New Testament which we read today. And then it is really over up to us as to whether or how much

we believe of those written accounts of the life of Jesus and the early church. Countless millions of through the ages have read and believed them to be true. In the end though it up to each individual person to decide for themselves.

The final verses of John Betjeman's poem 'Christmas' puts this so well (even if the presents are bit dated!)

***And is it true? And is it true,  
This most tremendous tale of all,  
Seen in stained glass window's hue,  
A baby in an ox's stall?  
The maker of the stars and sea  
Becomes a child on earth for me?***

***And is it true? For if it is,  
No loving fingers tying strings  
Around those tissued fripperies,  
The sweet and silly Christmas  
things,  
Bath salts and inexpensive scent  
And hideous tie so kindly meant,***

***No love that in a family dwells,  
No carolling in frosty air,  
Nor all the steeple-shaking bells  
Can with this simple truth compare  
That God was man in Palestine  
And lives today in Bread and Wine.***



# NEWS AROUND THE TEAM

## ⇒ FROM ALDENHAM

Summer is always a quieter season in the life of the church with summer holidays and no main Festivals. When we arrive at autumn though there is much more going on. September saw two weekends of the Art Festival and this year's was highly successful, there is a fuller report about this on another page. This was followed in early October by the Harvest weekend. The church was beautifully decorated in autumn colours and open for much of the weekend. The Harvest festival service was well attended, however there were very few children present.



This has been a very unfortunate outcome of the pandemic. Since the lockdowns there has not been a return of children and young people. The whole routine of church attendance has been affected and it's the younger generation in particular, parents and their children, who have more or less stopped coming to services. We are to re-start Sunday school on Sunday December 3rd in a welcome return engaging with children and families.

Another new initiative has been introducing musical concerts at the monthly Saturday coffee mornings (1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in the month). This was started with a stunning recital by pianist Josh Russell, followed by , Adrienne's trio of piano and two violins, the musicians and choir from Merchant Taylor's school were brilliant at the Harvest Festival weekend. Details of future concerts can be found on another page.

The ABRSM music exams continue each term for a period of about two weeks which not only pays towards church running costs but also is a very good use of the building.

The live streaming of Sunday services is now under way which means that anyone can view the service at the time or later in the week. This service is also available for funerals and other events in the church including some of the concerts. The link for these broadcast is in the Pew sheet. This has been a very worthwhile project which has taken a considerable amount of time and money. We are very grateful to those who have generously donated and given of their time to get this complex system up and running.

The hold-up on the gas installation has now been resolved and it is hoped to have everything completed and the heating system running on gas with the brand-new boiler by the end of the year.

*Robert Fletcher*



## ⇒ FROM SHENLEY

### Greetings from Shenley!

#### So, what's been going on here at St Martin's?.....

Well, overall, I'd have to say that things are feeling pretty positive and I believe we can put that down to a number of reasons. Firstly, as church, we've been really praying for God to show us what we should be focussing on, we've tried a number of initiatives over the last few months, mostly with successful results, but a few we've ditched and learnt from!

We regularly refresh our worship style, offering a range of services for our congregation, from quiet meditation to lively and energetic (and much in between!). Our use of the overhead projector and, soon to be installed TV screen, allows us the freedom to be creative in our liturgy and receives lots of positive encouragement.

St Martin's is also open all day, everyday, for anyone who needs a quiet space or just to get out of the rain, we've even created a comfortable and inviting lounge space at the back of the church - pop in and take a look for yourself! *(See photo)*



Another area to highlight is there seems to be an uptake in young people attending the church, when I say young, I mean secondary school age. The fortnightly Youth Group now has 12 members and between them are beginning to forge close and supportive relationships. Each time we meet, we make a pudding of some kind, share faith/life experiences and play games. Through this group we're seeing an uptake of these young people attending the monthly 'All Together' Sunday services and also at various other services during the month too.



Obviously not all things are plain sailing, raising money to keep the building standing and to pay the parish share is a perpetual battle (the recent quiz night was a great way to help raise some funds), however I do believe that if we continue to share the love of God in the community, keep our services engaging and fresh, then our numbers will continue to grow and hopefully the donations flow as a bi product.

Thanks to our wonderful church warden Matt, we also now have a new heating system, hurrah! So no hot water bottles needed this winter (I hope!).

Right, I'm sure that's quite enough from me, no doubt I will see many of you soon, I do love presiding at Aldenham for Evensong and no doubt I'll be with you in the new year for a pulpit swap too!

With every blessing,

Sarah x



## ⇒ FROM RADLETT

**At Christ Church & St. John's we offer 'Christ at the heart of community' and are focussing on (1) children and families; (2) deepening discipleship; and (3) ministry amongst the elderly.**



Following a successful summer Holiday Club our organist Petra has set up a new Youth Choir and with other volunteers is helping to lead a new children's church initiative on Sundays. All Together Worship continues to attract families, and we look forward to 'Sunday Fun Day' on 7<sup>th</sup> January: breakfast, crafts, activities, and lively modern worship together. I continue to visit all four local schools regularly and our prayer garden at St. John's Infants is proving very popular with the children.

Our Discipleship Enabler, Dr. Robert Attuh, and I have added a new Bible study option: 'Feast and Faith'. Around 10-12 of us meet each month for a light dinner and study together in peoples' homes. The church continues to meet weekly on Saturdays for 'Reconnection' online as we study and pray together, and a number of other house groups continue as well. Our regular Communion service at Houndswood House care home is growing, often with over 20 communicants joining in worship at which we always sing 'old favourites' from the hymnal.

After many years of planning and building, St. John's Church is up and running. On 15 October we welcomed Bishop Alan, Archdeacon Charles, St. John's School, and many other church and faith groups to a special service to dedicate the new building to God. Just a few days later we held our first wedding there. It is a joy to see this new space in use every day, offering regular worship, a nursery, a toddler group, brownies, choirs, drama groups, and many other regular users all enjoying the space.



I have taken on the role of Chair of Churches Together in Radlett and Aldenham, and as part of this have booked a diary of guest speakers, including the Very Rev'd. Jo Kelly-Moore, Dean of St. Albans, for Advent on 4 December, and the Very Rev'd. Dr. David Hoyle, Dean of

Westminster, for Lent on 28 February. We hope to arrange a pilgrimage to Canterbury Cathedral also in the new year. As a member of the Hertsmere Forum of Faiths I have been working to maintain and build up community cohesion, and I am delighted that Rabbi Paul and I are co-hosting a series of coffee mornings to bring together our Christian and Jewish congregations.

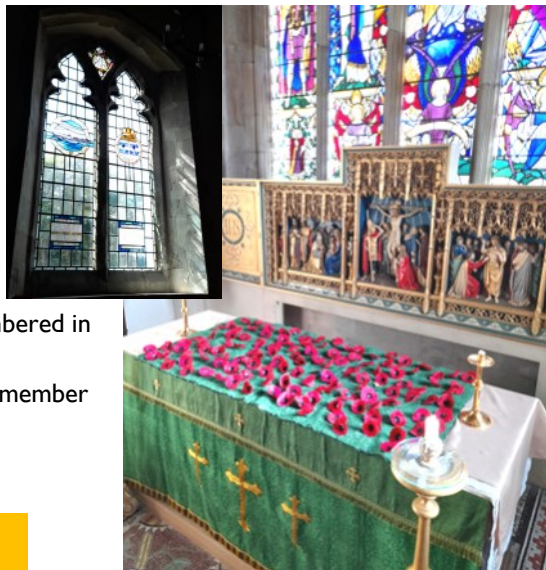
We look forward to our Team Service on 26 November at Christ Church at 10.30 am, where our guest preacher will be Bishop Humphrey Southern, Principal of Ripon College Cuddesdon.

Rev'd. Ollie Blease [radlettvicar@gmail.com](mailto:radlettvicar@gmail.com)

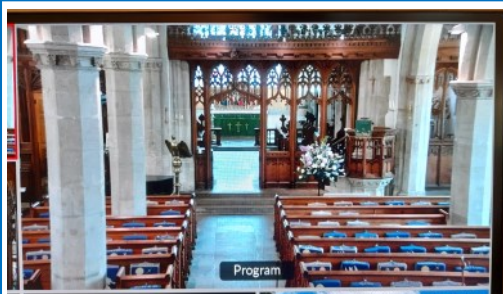
# WE REMEMBERED!

On Remembrance Sunday we gathered at the memorial in Letchmore Heath instead of the church. Near to Trafalgar Day and on December 10th members of the HMS Aldenham Society joined us to remember those that had fallen in battle and are remembered in our memorial window and churchyard.

The flag was also hoisted on the tower to remember Armistice Day and other occasions.



## Join us 'live' at Aldenham



### The Sunday morning service at Aldenham is streamed 'Live'

It starts just before 10.30 on Sunday or can be accessed at any time during the following week. It is a 'YouTube' link and you don't need an account to view it.

BUT, you do need to subscribe with us to receive the weekly link, which you can do on the sidebar on the website, [www.aldenhamchurch.com](http://www.aldenhamchurch.com)

By doing so you will also receive the weekly pew sheet and other information from the church.

**We look forward to welcoming you, wherever you are!**



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Aldenhams Church

# Coffee/Concert mornings

**Saturday Mornings on the first Saturday of the month in the church.  
10.30 coffee - 11.30 concert**

**Coming up**

## **December 2nd - the Kyra Choir**

Vibrant and harmonious vocals to have you joining along as they celebrate the 'Good News.'



### **January 6th - Stuart Sidders**

Jazz influenced Saxophonist joins us to kick off the new year. Money raised will go to help DRUM in Watford who provide daytime amenities for people with disabilities.



### **Feb 3rd - no event**

as there is a wedding at the church.

**BUT we may hold one a week later.**

### **March 2nd -**

### **The Quorum Singers of St Albans**

A local singing group of 25 years standing with a varied concert for us.

### **April 6th - TBA**

### **May 4th - Pianist, Wing Tun Fan**



**Come along, everyone welcome!**

**Free entry, voluntary retiring collection.**

Explore our beautiful building and its ancient history by making use of our 'Short Guide to the Church' boards' or just come along to enjoy the refreshments and the live music from 10.30.

The concert will last for about 45 mins to an hour from 11.30.

**And of course - CAKE!**

*A perfect Saturday morning!*

**The weekly pew sheet will have more details of the music. Please sign up on the website if you would like to receive this or email [info@aldenhamschurch.com](mailto:info@aldenhamschurch.com)**





## SUNDAY SCHOOL

### Back again after a long lapse since Covid.

Michelle Taylor with the help of four volunteers will be leading this initiative which will be making a welcome return to Aldenham.

Beginning on Advent Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December at the 10.30am service and continuing every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in the month we look forward to welcoming our younger people back again to church.

Joining us at the beginning of the service for the first hymn and then leaving for the church room to have their separate time and re-joining the congregation during Communion when they can receive a Blessing at the Altar.

**We want to welcome everyone so please pass the word around to families with young children (2-12 year olds).**

(Parents are welcome as well of course!)

### In time of need, we have Pastoral care!

**Pastoral care for members of the church and wider parish community is a priority for us.**

We have a Church pastoral care group who have been trained to respond to anyone in need - whether it be illness, bereavement, personal difficulty or a practical need.

We are here to help and support in whatever way we can. If you would like to talk to one of our group please contact:

Vicar 01923 854209 or Sue Barnard 01923 852754

I have attended a course in 'spiritual direction' and would be very happy to offer such assistance to anyone who would like to explore or know more about this, please contact me. [Robert Fletcher \(Vicar\)](#)

# TOWER NEWS

There has been no special ringing since my last newsletter in July, but we have gained a returning ringer to help swell our numbers. With no morning service and a shortage of ringers for evensong, Remembrance Sunday was a silent one for the sound of bells. It did mean that the task of fitting muffles, a piece of leather fitted to one side of the clapper, was not required.

**My offer, in the last newsletter, yet to be taken up, of showing people how we ring bells still stands.**

**Please contact me to arrange a visit, we still need more ringers and we would be delighted to show you around.**

**Roy Adcock (Tower Master)  
07769656068**



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## A Christmas poem

Welcome. all  
wonders in one sight!

Eternity shut in a span!

Summer in winter! Day in night!

Heaven in earth! And God in  
man!

Great little One, whose all em-  
bracing birth,

Lifts earth to heaven, stoops  
heaven to earth.

*Richard Crawshaw*

- **Maintenance**
- **Heating/lighting**
- **Insurance/Diocese**
- **Upkeep of churchyard**
- **Keeping up to current standards**
- **Improvements**



### ***It all needs funding of course!***

We are so grateful to people who have helped with funds so far towards the boiler fund and the general maintenance of the building and churchyard.

There are always unexpected costs with this beautiful but old building and the list of needs is never ending.

Always remembering that we receive no income apart from your generosity and any social functions.

Details of ways to help us are on the website:

**[www.aldenhamchurch.com](http://www.aldenhamchurch.com)**

- These can be by General or specific donations - Bank details on page 19, if for a specific purpose please put this in the reference.
- Stewardship - regular giving commitment, by far the most effective way to help us.
- Become a 'Friend', By Legacy or Will, see right.
- Or in church using our card machine or cash in the green jars.
- **OR - MONEY FOR NOTHING!**

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***(It really does work!)***

*We always collect Gift Aid where we can!*

**THANK YOU!**



# **Legacies and Wills**

## **Gifts in Wills**

After providing for loved ones, a gift in your will to the Church is a lasting and valuable way to continue to support your church family.

It is also a way of thanking God for all the blessings we have received in this life.

All legacies that have been left to Aldenham church are

greatly appreciated. One specific legacy left to the church many years ago has helped to pay for many projects, repairs and improvements. With the passage of time that legacy is, of course, diminishing.

Every gift left to the Church, however large or small can make a significant difference in helping finance the church for the future, to safeguard and preserve the inheritance of our Christian faith for future generations.

**Could you  
consider a gift to  
the church in your  
Will please?**

**THANK YOU!**

## “ Put some wellie into it! “

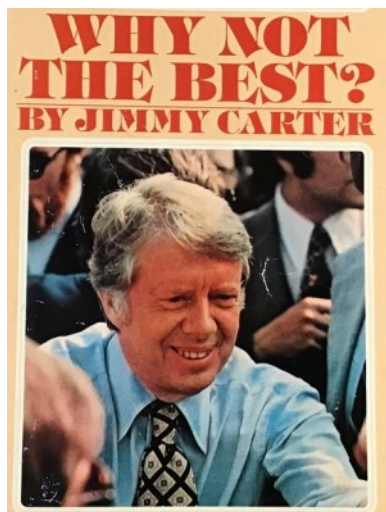
Those who attend public boxing matches usually reserve to themselves the right to advise those in ring how to box and to comment on their performance. If they feel that their favoured fighter is not putting enough effort into his (or her) performance they can be very forthright in their comments. Derisive shouts such as “Put some wellie into it” abound, but one can’t help wondering whether God feels the same about our performance as Christians in his service.

The required standard is high. Here’s some of what is required, always keep a strong bit on one’s temper and a strong bridle on the tongue, both very difficult to achieve. But that is just for starters. What about being kind, unselfish, good natured, good tempered, considerate, courteous, thoughtful for others, never envying others or rejoicing in the calamities of others and always putting a good construction on the behaviour of others. Full of pity, mercy and compassion, patient under provocation, forgiving when injured. It gets even harder. We need always to be ready (even diligent) to do kind acts for anyone in reach without wanting any reward.

Jimmy Carter, ex-president of the United States, as a youngster had the ambition to go into the US navy. He studied hard and was successful in winning a place at a leading naval academy where he did very well. In his final year he was placed very near the top in his class. He joined the navy and steadily progressed through the ranks until one day he heard that the United States was building nuclear powered submarines. When the time came, he applied for the position as captain of one of them and was fortunate enough to be invited for interview. In readiness, he was asked to choose three subjects and be prepared to discuss them. The great day came and he was ushered into the room, instead of the usual interview panel, Jimmy was surprised to be interviewed by a solitary admiral. After the usual preliminaries, Jimmy was asked to talk about his chosen subjects which he did with great enthusiasm, but was very surprised to find that the admiral knew more about them than he did. Eventually, the interview came to an end. Jimmy rose to leave, not enthusiastic about the outcome, as he reached the door, the admiral said “Just one more question, in your naval career did you always do your best?” Jimmy, an honest Christian, thought of the times when he had just got by, satisfied with adequate, not the best and replied “No Sir, I didn’t”. Back came the response. “Why not?”

Needless to say, Jimmy didn’t get the job, but what the admiral had said worried him, so much so that he wrote a book entitled “Why not the best?” in which he asked the question why with the huge privilege that life is, why are we so easily satisfied with the mediocre when the best is within our reach. For us Christians, the same question applies in our Christian lives - Why not the best?

*Bob Clark*







## A fabulous weekend at Harvest time!

At this special time of year, the church looked amazing festooned with flowers and seasonal produce thanks to Di Marsh and the amazing team who had been busy growing cutting and carefully arranging everything. Many people came to admire during the course of Saturday and Sunday!



Saturday was also the first Saturday in the month and coincided nicely with the usual coffee morning now of course with the added Concert schedule. On this occasion our Organist Joan Stubbs brought a choir

and performers from the students and staff at Merchant Taylors School.

With a mixed programme of music for all tastes it attracted a good audience who showed their appreciation both loudly and in the retiring collection which raised a good amount for the boiler fund.

Come and join us for our monthly Coffee/Concert mornings on the first Saturday of the month at 10.30. More details are on another page.



# Come in and see!

Admire the 12th century font, our beautiful mosaic floor and stunning stained glass windows.

Our short guide will lead you round the key features in our historic building when you can spot many other fascinating features.

**Everyone is welcome!**

**Dogs are welcome!**

**Walking boots are welcome!**

We have met people who have lived in and around the village for many years who have admired the outside of the church but never been inside thinking it is somehow, reserved for its congregation.

***Not True!***

**It is true that the building is locked up most of the time for security reasons but when open you are all welcome.**

Come and admire our 750+ year old building, it is amazing and has lots of historical interest.

We are open every first Saturday in the month for our coffee/concert mornings from 10.30 or if there is a group that would like to visit then do get in touch to:

**[info@aldenhamchurch.com](mailto:info@aldenhamchurch.com)**

**(Also open for services at 10.30 and 6.30 on Sundays of course!)**

***We hope to see you!***



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# Space to hire

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## **The Church Room**

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- Smaller meetings and Committee groups around for up to around 25 people
- Social groups, art groups or Children's activities etc.
- Music practice or rehearsals

And has:

- Separate entrance
- Toilets (one disabled with baby changing facilities)
- Small grand piano and another keyboard
- WIFI
- Kitchen facilities
- Heating/Air Con

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- Larger groups, 100+ people.
- Concerts and recitals with superb acoustics!

And has

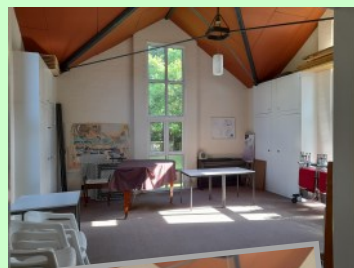
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# Safeguarding

What springs to mind when you hear 'Safeguarding' mentioned? An over-reaction by society and it's institutions? We've gone too far! Help! Or perhaps 'Safer places and spaces for people. Protection for children and vulnerable adults. Being more aware of the dangers that are out there.



Some organisations, such as school, have been working hard to make sure they are 'safe' and have all the safeguarding checks in place. I'm sorry to say that the church has been a bit slow and still is in 'catch-up' mode. The history of past abuses which have not been handled well weigh heavily and in more recent years the Church of England Safeguarding has had to tighten up considerably on the slightest sign of abuse. It has become one of the highest priorities and is included as an Agenda item at every PCC meeting.

Every church has a Safeguarding officer who, together with the Vicar, is responsible for making sure that all procedures, like DBS checks and training are in place. Our Safeguarding Officer is Mrs Beth Frankish (contact details at the back of this newsletter) who oversees all the safeguarding procedures here at Aldenham. It's important to remember though that Safeguarding is not left to The Vicar and Beth, it is for all the members of the church to be involved and mindful of the risks and dangers that can be around in church settings. I have often heard at training sessions that the church is a soft target for those intent on finding children or vulnerable adults on which to prey.

We often associate safeguarding with physical and sexual abuse but there are many other forms of abuse which are now being taken into consideration. Psychological (bullying), discriminatory (including racist and religious), financial (fraud, exploitation, organisational, pressure in connection with wills and property), neglect or poor care practice, domestic (control, intimidate or humiliate) and spiritual (fundamentalism and intolerance of other viewpoints).

It is incumbent on all of us to be vigilant and make sure that the church here at Aldenham is a safe place for all who enter the building or who have any part in the life of the church community.

*Robert Fletcher*

## Are we in touch?



**Our weekly Pew sheet** is sent by email and also available in church on Sundays. It tells you what is happening each week; the link to the 'Live Stream' details of the Sunday services, and other news and is the ideal way to keep up to date.

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# Two weekends of fabulous art!

The Aldenham Art Festival was back bigger and better than ever for its 5<sup>th</sup> event with over 85 artists displaying over 500 artworks. It was a huge selection with prices from £15 - £2500 in all styles that catered for all tastes. It is probably the biggest open Art Exhibition in the area and set in the stunning environment of Aldenham Church, beautifully complemented the art.

Preview night was a delight with the church packed with people welcomed by the bells ringing and wonderful live music by Adrienne Freeman and friends. Aldenham Golf Club made sure we were well 'watered' and fed and Councillors Helen Jones and Caroline Clapper officially opened the show for us.

A visit from Oliver Dowden, Deputy PM and MP for Hertsmere made for a memorable Friday morning when he delighted in tucking into the tea and cake on offer and enjoying the view from the tower.

Live music from Eugenia Russell and her husband on keyboards and cello and from Laurie Kaye and his friend on saxophones made a delight on other days!

Support from the Golf Club in promoting the event and the huge number of volunteers made a true success of the event. Special mention of all the helpers who provided the endless stream of cakes and refreshments and all the volunteers who helped out so willingly to make this event amazing – a BIG thank you to you all!

There was such a wide variety of work and some truly exceptional pieces to be had which was proved in the sales which were way above expectations and anything achieved in previous years.

- ◆ 121 pictures were sold at a total of £11,000 which was 22% of all those entered and 14% of the total value.
- ◆ Highest price paid was £495, lowest £15.
- ◆ The average price for the hanging pictures was £151 and for the unframed £56.
- ◆ Donations were taken in lieu of the advertising in the Programme and over £1,500 was taken in donations at the door and over £500 for refreshments.
- ◆ We estimate that around 500/600 people visited the exhibition.
- ◆ The weather was amazing apart from a heavy shower at the end of the last day.

The profits went to help maintain our beautiful church that hosts the event, in particular to support the installation of the new heating system that will help to preserve it for the future. This was a truly great result, not only financially but socially and also in many other ways. I think all those that came either to visit or to help enjoyed the spirit that went with the great art and wonderful surroundings, going away with either something they loved to go on the wall or some good memories of Aldenham, the church and the Art!

**(We hope the event will return next year but need more people to help organise it, please email [art@aldenhamartfestival.org.uk](mailto:art@aldenhamartfestival.org.uk) if you can help.)**





We need more people to help with things both at church please with the general duties, admin and organising the Art Festival.

- ◇ **IT and Clerical**
- ◇ **Churchyard maintenance**
- ◇ **Weekly coffee rota**
- ◇ **Sidesman rota**
- ◇ **Readers rota**
- ◇ **Servers rota**
- ◇ **Etc.etc**

Can you help in any way please?

Please contact Robert or Ken or email [info@aldenhamchurch.com](mailto:info@aldenhamchurch.com)

### **From the Registers Funerals**

7th June	Pat Meloy
20 <sup>th</sup> June	Billy Smith
28 <sup>th</sup> June	Maira Matheson
31st July	Ivan Hill
26 <sup>th</sup> September	Mike Carter

## **Special Service Days**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

6.30pm – Nine Lessons and Carols

**Christmas Eve – 4.00pm** Christingle

9.00pm Holy Communion

**Christmas Day -**

10.30am Family Communion

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January –**

Epiphany Parish Communion

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February –**

Candlemas Parish Communion

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February –**

Ash Wednesday

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March –**

Mothering Sunday Family service

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March Palm Sunday**

**Friday 29th March - Good Friday**

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Easter  
Sunday.**

**For Christmas services across the  
team of Aldenham, Radlett and  
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# Services at the Church.

**The main Sunday services are at 10.30am and Evensong at 6.30pm**

Communion is offered in the traditional manner with wafers and chalice, the chalice is optional and to receive the bread only is perfectly alright and valid. Refreshments are served after the morning service in the hospitality area with everyone welcome.

More information and the order of services appears in our weekly email bulletins and special service days are mentioned opposite.

**More information can also be found on the website at [www.aldenhamchurch.com](http://www.aldenhamchurch.com).**

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Otherwise normal services are:

- |            |                          |
|------------|--------------------------|
| 1st Sunday | BCP Communion            |
| 2nd "      | Family Service           |
| 3rd "      | Matins                   |
| 4th "      | Common Worship Communion |
| 5th "      | Matins                   |

We always welcome enquiries for Baptisms, weddings, funerals and other occasions including letting the church and church room for other purposes, see page 14.

Please contact the Vicar or Churchwarden for more information.

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