

ALDENHAM CHURCH ST JOHN THE BAPTIST



**Sunday 13 October 2024 - 20th Sunday after
Trinity
Family Service (non communion)**

Join us on air at 10.30am or after on this link [https://youtube.com/live/YgwPN0At -s?feature=share](https://youtube.com/live/YgwPN0At-s?feature=share)

**We welcome and thank Eileen Bigg for leading
this service**

Order of Service

Greeting

Opening Hymn: NEP 619 - Lord, for the years

Collect for the day/Collect

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; 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.

Confession

Hymn: NEP 629 - Be still, for the presence of the Lord

1st Reading: Hebrews 4: 12 - end read by Isabella Frankish

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Please pray for:
**Fiona McGuinness,
Isla & Don Hart, Jack,
Natalia, Rostislav
Myslov, Lucy Haslar,
John Chapman,
Malcolm Pattinson
and Elizabeth Village**
*(Please let us know of any
additions to this list by
emailing -
info@aldenhamchurch.com)*

2nd Reading: Mark 10: 17-31 read by the Minister

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother."' He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.'

Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

Address: Minister**Creed****Hymn:** NEP 647 - Will you come and follow me**Intercessions:** led by Jill Gillam**Lord's Prayer****Final Hymn:** NEP 613 - Christ triumphant**Final prayers and Blessing**

Pastoral Care
If you need care or
assistance at any
time, please do not
hesitate to contact
Sue Barnard

EVENSONG at 6.30pm

Thank you to the Revd Oliver Blease for leading us in this service

Opening Hymn: NEH 445 - Rock of ages cleft for me

Confession/Absolution

Lord's Prayer and versicles/responses

Psalm: 127

Reading: Joshua 5: 13-6:20 read by Valerie Turner

Magnificat

Reading: Matthew 11: 20 - end read by Mark Jones

Nunc Dimittis

Creed

Versicles/responses

Collect for the day and 2nd/3rd Collect

Address: Vicar

Hymn: NEH 481 - Jesus, Lord we look to thee

Prayers

Hymn: NEH 250 - Saviour, again to thy dear name we raise

Blessing

NOTICES

Harvest Festival Weekend

A glorious Harvest Festival Weekend at Aldenham where the Church is a vibrant tapestry of autumnal delights. Every display from the bountiful harvest to the stunning home-grown Dahlias is meticulously crafted by the dedicated team of Dianne and Martin, Rosemary, Di, Cheryl & friend, Juliette, Elizabeth and Bob & Cheryl. With special thanks to Maureen whose Dahlias were simply beautiful.



The weekend began with our monthly Saturday morning coffee and home-made cakes (including a Hummingbird cake) giving people the opportunity to enjoy the displays and catch-up with friends, old and new. This was closely followed by a delightful concert by our Acting Music Director Joan and two boys from Merchant Taylors School, filling the air with music. At just 13 and 14 the boys displayed remarkable talent and maturity, impressing all with their performances on the piano, organ and singing. Joan's selection showcased the organ's versatility, pleasing everyone with virtuosity spanning many years.

After the concert the church remained open for viewing and refreshments until 4pm. A big thank you to everyone involved in providing refreshments throughout the weekend.

On the Sunday, the church remained open after our special Harvest Festival morning service. Evensong completed this memorable and enjoyable weekend which raised over £500 towards the church fabric fund. While not forgetting the bell-ringers, well done everyone and thanks again!

Bill Ritson RIP

All are welcome at the memorial requiem Eucharist for our former parish priest Bill Ritson which will be in St Albans Cathedral on Thursday 24 October at 1pm.

ABRSM MUSIC EXAMS

We have once again been asked to hold the exams at the church and this time we have 10 days in November to cover. You can see all the dates on the website by using this link: <https://aldenhamchurch.com/diary/>

Rosemary will be contacting you for this satisfying stewarding role which does carry a payment! Please contact her if you can help and especially if you have not done it before but would like to be involved. Thank you.

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