

# ALDENHAM CHURCH ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

Pew Sheet for Sunday 1 December 2024



## 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT- Holy Communion (BCP)

### Order of Service

Join us on air at 10.30am or after on this link: <https://youtube.com/live/Dj5nWewwoiQ?feature=share>

**We welcome Revd Ritah Namakula to lead and preach at this service**

### Advent wreath prayer and song



**Opening hymn:** NEH 6, Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes  
**Lord's Prayer/Collect for Purity/The Commandments/Prayer for the King/Collect**

*Children's Church will  
be this Sunday 1  
December at 10.30am*

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Epistle:** 1 Thessalonians 3, 9 - end read by the Fongo family

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

**Gradual Hymn:** NEH 408 Love divine, all loves excelling

**Gospel:** Luke 21, 25-36

‘There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in a cloud” with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.’ Then he told them a parable: ‘Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ‘Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.’

## **Creed**

**Sermon:** Revd Namakula

**Offertory Hymn:** NEH 465, Thou didst leave thy throne and they kingly crown

**Bidding Prayers:** Revd Namakula

**Confession/Absolution/Comfortable words**

**Sursum Corda/Sanctus/Benedictus**

**Prayer of Humble Access**

**Consecration of the Sacrament/Agnus Dei**

**The Administration of Holy Communion**

**Communion Hymn:** NEH 275, Blessed Jesu, Mary’s son

**Final Prayers/Blessing**

**Closing Hymn:** NEH 7, Hills of the North, rejoice!

**Please pray for:** Fiona McGuinness, Isla & Don Hart, Jack, Natalia, Rostilav Myslov, Lucy Haslar, John Chapman, Malcolm Pattinson and Martin Saunders

*(Please email any additions to this list to*

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

## **EVENSONG at 6.30pm**

**We thank Eileen Bigg for leading us in this service**

**Opening Hymn:** NEH 3, Come, thou long-expected Jesus

**Confession/Absolution**

**Lord's Prayer and versicles/responses**

**Psalm:** 9, 1-8

**Reading:** Joel 3, 9-end read by Valerie Turner

**Magnificat**

**Reading:** Revelation 14, 13 - 15.4 read by Pat Bromley

**Nunc Dimittis**

**Creed**

**Versicles/responses**

**Collect for the day and 2nd/3rd Collect**

**Address:** Eileen Bigg

**Hymn:** NEH 14, The advent of our God

**Prayers**

**Hymn:** NEH 11, O come, O come, Emmanuel!

**Blessing**

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

## **NOTICES**

### **Christmas Hampers**

Donations of chocolates and biscuits are welcomed to add to the hampers given to local families receiving free school meals. Please leave in the box at the back of the Church.

### **Dates for your diary:**

- **7 December** - Coffee/Concert morning from 10.30am
- **8 December** - Churches Together Carol Service at Christchurch at 6.30pm (no Evensong at Aldenham)
- **15 December** - HMS Aldenham Service at 10.30am
- **15 December** - Christmas lunch at Aldenham Golf Club
- **22 December 6.30pm** - Nine Lessons & Carols, Aldenham
- **Christmas Eve, 4pm** - Christingle, Aldenham

- **Christmas Eve, 9pm** - Christmas Eve Communion, Aldenham
- **Christmas Day, 10.30am** - Christmas Family Service, Aldenham



Aldenham Church  
**Coffee/Concert**  
**Saturday 7th December**



**10.30 Coffee and cake - 11.30 concert**

This month we are delighted to welcome the  
**KYRA - GOSPEL CHOIR**

Kyra's vibrant and harmonious vocals invite you to join them as they celebrate the Good news of Jesus Christ. There is nothing the choir enjoys more than seeing people clapping, dancing and singing along with them....so enjoy the concert and feel free to join in!



Around 45 mins - 1 hour, entry is **FREE** but we ask you to contribute freely to help Kyra's Charity, support these concerts and maintain this beautiful church.

*Parking by kind permission of the Social Club in their Car Park opposite the Lych Gate. (Look for the 5MPH sign)*

This concert will be streamed 'Live' on this link:

<https://youtube.com/live/RBR8LjjATs0?feature=share>

Visit: [www.aldenhamchurch.com](http://www.aldenhamchurch.com) for more info about the church.

**NEXT COFFEE/CONCERT - Saturday 1st February 2025**  
**with Pianist Elizabeth Altman.**

**(There is no Concert in January) - More details to follow.**

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