

# ALDENHAM CHURCH ST JOHN THE BAPTIST



## Pew Sheet for Sunday 8 December 2024 The Second Sunday of Advent Family Communion at 10.30am

Join us on air at 10.30am or after on this link [https://youtube.com/live/e70IS1qs\\_RA?feature=share](https://youtube.com/live/e70IS1qs_RA?feature=share).

We welcome and thank Revd Stephen Mephram for leading and preaching at this service

### Order of Service

#### Advent wreath prayer and song

Opening Hymn: NEH 12 On Jordan's Bank

Greeting/Confession/Absolution

#### Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

**Epistle:** Philippians 1, 3-11 read by Isabella Frankish

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to

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

determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

**Hymn:** NEH 438 Praise to God whose word was spoken

**Gospel:** Luke 3, 1-6 Vicar

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."'"

**Sermon:** Vicar

**Creed**

**Prayers of Intercession:** led by Jill Gillam

**The Lord's Prayer/The Peace**

**Offertory Hymn:** NEH 339 Be Thou my vision

**Eucharistic Prayer**

**Prayer of Humble Access**

**Communion**

**Communion Hymn:** NEH 294 Just as I am, without one plea

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Final Hymn:** NEH 376 I heard the voice of Jesus say

**Blessing**

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

**NO EVENSONG AT ALDENHAM**

All are warmly encouraged to join with the other Churches in the Team Ministry at Christ Church, Radlett for the Churches Together Carol Service at 6.30pm.

## NOTICES



 **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.

## 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.

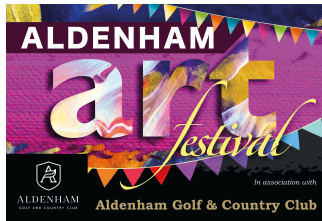
## Christmas Lunch

Please don't forget to sign up for this lunch at the Golf Club on 15 December

2024 if you would like to go. The cost is £29.95 pp for a 3 course lunch.

## We have a new Card Machine!

Regrettably after giving a few years of brilliant service and enabling our Giving our old card reader has finally gone to the land of old tech. BUT, we have a nice shiny new one and even better we managed to get a nice healthy grant to buy it! It will be up and running this weekend for the concert and for Sunday's Services. It works very similarly to the old one except that now there is the option of entering an amount of your choice as well as the set amounts!



**Art Festival 2025!** Early warning for next year's Art Festival which will run from the hand in day on Sunday Sept 7th, Preview Night on Thursday Sept 11th and then open that weekend and the following weekend Friday-Sunday.

## Dates for your Diaries

- **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

**Advent & Christmas**  
*at St John the Baptist,  
Aldenham*

December:

**22nd, 6.30pm - Nine Lessons & Carols**

- **29th, 10.30am - Team Service,  
St John's, Radlett**  
(no 10.30am service that day in Aldenham)

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9pm - **Christmas Eve Communion**

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THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

**'Nine Lessons & Carols'**  
Sunday 22nd December  
6.30pm  
*All welcome*



St John the Baptist Church, Aldenham

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**ALL WELCOME TO  
CHRISTINGLE!**



**Sunday 24th December at 4pm**  
A service of light, hope & music,  
with donations to  
*The Children's Society*

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