

ALDENHAM CHURCH ST JOHN THE BAPTIST



Pew Sheet for Sunday 12 January 2025

The First Sunday of Epiphany - The Baptism of Christ

Family Communion at 10.30am

Join us on air at 10.30am or after on this link: <https://youtube.com/live/jahEs9WebEU?feature=share>

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

Order of Service

Opening Hymn: NEH 234, 'Christ, whose glory fills the skies

Greeting/Confession/Absolution/Gloria

Collect

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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.

Epistle: Acts 8, 14-17 read by Alex Pinkerton

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.



Hymn: NEH 376, 'I heard the voice of Jesus say'

Gospel: Luke 3, 15-17, 21-22 read by Revd Mepham

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

Sermon: Revd Mepham

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 297, 'Living Lord'

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Final Hymn: NEH 420, 'O Jesus I have promised'

Blessing

Please pray for:

Fiona McGuinness, Isla & Don Hart, Jack, Natalia, Rostislav Myslov, Lucy Haslar, John Chapman and Malcolm Pattinson

(Please let us know of any additions to this list by emailing - info@aldenhamchurch.com)

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

EVENSONG at 6.30pm

We thank Eileen Bigg for leading us in this service

Opening Hymn: NEP 618, 'This is the day the Lord has made'

Confession/Absolution

Lord's Prayer and versicles/responses

Psalm: 46, 1-7

Reading: Isaiah 55, 1-11 read by A Whittington

Magnificat

Reading: Romans 6, 1-11 read by Mark Jones

Nunc Dimittis

Creed

Versicles/responses

Collect for the day and 2nd/3rd Collect

Address: Eileen Bigg

Hymn: NEP 647, 'Will you come and follow me'

Prayers

Hymn: NEP 626, 'Amazing grace'

Closing Prayer

NOTICES

Pat Bromley

Our dear friend Pat managed to accomplish her move to Wiltshire before the snow came but also unfortunately before we were able to say our goodbyes in person at a Sunday morning service. As a small token of our love, support and thanks to Pat for all she has done for and means to Aldenham Church, flowers were sent to her from the Church and we have received this message from Pat:



"To all my friends at Aldenham. Thank you for the lovely flowers. I am settling in well, missing you all but getting to know my new neighbours.

Love Pat"

It certainly won't be the same without Pat!

Dates for your Diaries

- **Saturday 1st February** with Pianist Elizabeth Altman. Coffee & Cake from 10.30 am with the concert beginning at around 11.30 am for 45 mins to an hour.
- **Saturday 15 March** - memorial service for Christopher Treves-Brown at 11.30pm at Aldenham followed by lunch at the Golf Club.

In the Bleak Mid-winter

With thanks to Ken who has been capturing the changing season on his phone.



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