

ALDENHAM CHURCH ST JOHN THE BAPTIST



Pew Sheet for Sunday 2 February 2025 The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

All are welcome to this service of Holy Communion (BCP) and we thank Revd David Lawson for leading and preaching at this service

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Children's Church is today, 2 February at
at 10.30am



Please pray for:
**Fiona McGuinness,
Isla Hart, Jack,
Natalia, Rostislav
Myslov, Lucy Haslar
and John Chapman.**
We commend to God
the soul of Malcolm
Pattinson praying for
his family and friends

Order of Service

Bans of marriage

Opening hymn: NEH 237, 'Morning has broken'

Lord's Prayer/Collect for Purity/The Commandments/Prayer for the King/Collect

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Epistle: Hebrews 2, 14-end read by Linda Lambert

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he

did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Gradual Hymn: NEH 44, 'Faithful vigil ended'

Gospel: Luke 2, 22-40 read by Revd Lawson

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Creed

Sermon: Revd Lawson

Offertory Hymn: NEH 157, 'Hail to the Lord who comes'

Bidding Prayers: Revd Lawson

Confession/Absolution/Comfortable words

Sursum Corda/Sanctus/Benedictus

Prayer of Humble Access

The Administration of Holy Communion

Communion Hymn: NEH 387, 'Jesus, good above all other'

Final Prayers/Gloria/Blessing

Closing Hymn: NEH 338, 'At the name of Jesus'

After the service everyone is welcome to refreshments at the back of the Church

EVENSONG at 6.30pm

We thank Revd Sarah Marshall for leading us in this service

Opening Hymn: NEH 52, 'O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness'

Confession/Absolution

Lord's Prayer and versicles/responses

Psalm: 132, 1-8

Reading: Haggai 2, 1-9 read by Sue Barnard

Magnificat

Reading: John 2, 18-22 read by A Whittington

Nunc Dimittis

Creed

Versicles/responses

Collect for the day and 2nd/3rd Collect

Address: Revd Marshall

Hymn: NEH 243, 'At even when the sun was set'

Prayers

Hymn: NEH 407, 'Lord, they word abideth'

Blessing

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

NOTICES

Confirmations - 22nd May, 7.30pm. This year St Martin's Church, Shenley, will be hosting the Team Confirmation service. If you feel God is calling you to be Confirmed or you have questions about what it involves, please contact Sarah Marshall for more information. Preparations will begin in the Spring.

Memory Cafe at Christ Church Vision Hall or Radlett Reform

Synagogue - this gathering allows people experiencing memory loss accompanied by a loved one/carer to connect, socialise and build new support networks. The Cafe is free to attend. It runs between 10am and 11.30am every second Tuesday. The venue alternates between Christ Church Vision Hall and Radlett Reform Synagogue. The next Cafe meets on Tuesday 11 February at Christ Church.

St Martin's, Shenley Community Cafe - This cafe runs every Friday from 9.30am - 11.00am apart from soup lunch days on the last Friday of the month. All welcome.

Dates for your Diaries

- Saturday 15 March - memorial service for Christopher Treves-Brown at 11.30pm at Aldenham



Aldenham Church
Coffee/Concert
Saturday Morning
1st Feb 2025
10.30 - Coffee and cake - | 11.30 - Recital
Piano Recital
with Elizabeth Altman
A beautiful range of music from across the classics.
The concert will be for about 1 hour.
Entrance is **free** but we ask that you please make a donation of at least £5 per person to ensure the continuation of the concerts.
www.aldenhamchurch.com
Next coffee/concert at 10.30 on Saturday March 1st with **TRIO CON BRIO**
All Welcome

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