

ALDENHAM CHURCH ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Pew Sheet for Sunday 26 January 2025



Order of Service for Epiphany 3 which is Holy Communion (CW)

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

Thank you to the Revd Stephen Fraser for leading and this service

(Please join in with the choir for items marked *
with the words as printed)

Banns of marriage

Opening Hymn: NEP 636, 'Great is thy
faithfulness'

Greeting/Confession/Absolution/Gloria:

*Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the
highest. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to
his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give
you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Glory to
God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.

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

Collect: Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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: 1 Corinthians 12, 12-31 read by Bob Clark

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the

body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

Hymn: NEP 613, 'Christ triumphant, ever reigning'

***Gospel Acclamation:** *Glory to you O Lord*

Gospel: Luke 4, 14-21 read by Revd Fraser

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

***Gospel Acclamation:** Praise to you O Christ

Sermon: Revd Fraser

Creed

Prayers of Intercession: Linda Lambert

The Peace

Offertory Hymn: NEP 637, 'Hark, my soul, it is the Lord'

Eucharistic Prayer - P6

Preface: The Lord be with you

***And also with you**

Lift up your hearts

***We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

***It is right to give thanks and praise**

***Sanctus followed by Benedictus**

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

***Acclamation 1:**

Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

***Final Acclamation**

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours forever and ever amen.

Lord's Prayer

***Agnus Dei:** Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

Prayer of Humble Access / Communion

Communion Hymn: NEP 625, 'Be still my soul, the Lord is on thy side'

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Final Hymn: NEP 619, 'Lord for the years'

Blessing

***Dismissal/Great Amen:**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

***In the name of Christ, Amen, Amen, Amen**

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 Revd Philip Green for leading us in this service

Opening Hymn: NEH 393, 'Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us'

Confession/Absolution

Lord's Prayer and versicles/responses

Psalm: 33, 1-12

Reading: Numbers 9, 15-end

Magnificat

Reading: 1 Corinthians 7, 17-24

Nunc Dimittis

Creed

Versicles/responses

Collect for the day and 2nd/3rd Collect

Address: Revd Green

Hymn: NEH 366, 'God of mercy, God of Grace'

Prayers

Hymn: NEH 362, 'Glorious things of thee are spoken'

Blessing

Bishop's Retirement - the Right Revd Dr Alan Smith, Bishop of St Albans, has announced his intention to retire on 31 May 2025.

NOTICES

Vacancy News - following Robert's retirement last Summer the search for a new priest has been progressing. The Advertisement will appear in the Church Times and is on the Diocesan website. The closing date for applications is 5 March 2025 followed by interviews on 25 March 2025. The Church Profile can also be seen on our website <https://aldenhamchurch.com>

Dates for your Diaries

- **Saturday 1st February** - Coffee & Cake from 10.30 am with a piano recital by Elizabeth Altman 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.

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