

ALDENHAM CHURCH
ST JOHN THE BAPTIST
Pew Sheet for Sunday 5 January 2025



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
EPIPHANY SUNDAY

All are welcome to this service of Holy Communion (BCP) and we thank John Hayes for leading and preaching at this service

Join us on air at 10.30am or after on this
[link:https://youtube.com/live/SA--Y96Huo4?
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Children's Church is this Sunday, 5 January
at 10.30am



Order of Service

Opening hymn: NEH 47, As with gladness men of old

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

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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: Ephesians 3, 1-12 read by Valerie Turner

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was

made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Gradual Hymn: NEH 49, Brightest and best of the sons of the morning

Gospel: Matthew 2, 1-12 read by John Hayes

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the

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

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king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Creed

Sermon: John Hayes

Offertory Hymn: NEH 288, God everlasting, wonderful and holy

Bidding Prayers: John Hayes

Confession/Absolution/Comfortable words

Sursum Corda/Sanctus/Benedictus

Prayer of Humble Access

The Administration of Holy Communion

Communion Hymn: NEH 305, Soul of my saviour, sanctify my breast

Final Prayers/Gloria/Blessing

Closing Hymn: NEH 495, God is working his purpose out

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

EVENSONG at 6.30pm

We thank Dr Mark Jones 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: 97

Reading: Isaiah 49, 1-13 read by Jill Gillam

Magnificat

Reading: John 4, 7-26 read by Sue Barnard

Nunc Dimittis

Creed

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

Versicles/responses

Collect for the day and 2nd/3rd Collect

Reflection: Dr Mark Jones

Hymn: NEH 251, Sun of my soul, thou Saviour dear

Prayers

Hymn: NEH 239, Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy

Blessing

NOTICES

COFFEE & CONCERT MORNINGS

No coffee/concert morning in January but back on 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. We have a full programme throughout the rest of the year - more details to follow.

Christopher Treves-Brown

A Memorial Service for Christopher will take place on Saturday 15 March 2025 at 11.30am here at Aldenham followed by lunch at the Golf Club.

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