

ALDENHAM CHURCH ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



Pew Sheet for Sunday 16 February 2025 Third Sunday before Lent

Join us on air at 10.30am or after on this link:<https://youtube.com/live/rr6YYmDSr9Q?feature=share>

Thank you to John Hayes for leading us in our Matins service

Order of Service

Opening Hymn: NEH 238, 'New every morning is the love'

Sentences/Confession/Lord's Prayer

Versicles and responses

Venite

Psalm: 1

1st Reading: 1 Corinthians 15, 12-20 read by Valerie Turner

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Hymn instead of the Te Deum: God We Praise You; God We Bless You (on separate sheet)

2nd Reading: Luke 6, 17-26 read by the Fongo Family

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. 'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. 'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. 'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. 'But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. 'Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. 'Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. 'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

Jubilate Deo**Creed****Versicles and responses****Lord's prayer****Collect for the day/Collect**

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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.

Intercessions: led by Jill Gillam

Hymn: NEH 459, 'The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want'

Sermon: John Hayes

Final hymn: NEH 408, 'Love divine, all loves excelling'

Blessing

EVENSONG at 6.30pm

Thank you to Dr Mark Jones for leading us in this service

Opening Hymn: NEH 341, 'Blest are the pure in heart'

Confession

Lord's Prayer and versicles/responses

Psalm: 6

Reading: Hosea 10, 1-8, 12 read by Jill Gillam

Magnificat

Reading: Galatians 4, 8-20

Nunc Dimittis

Creed

Versicles/responses

Collect for the day and 2nd/3rd Collect

Reflection: Dr Jones

Hymn: NEH 357. 'Father, hear the prayer we offer'

Prayers

Hymn: NEH 372, 'He who would valiant be'

Closing prayer

Please pray for:

Fiona McGuinness, Isla Hart, Jack, Natalia, Rostislav Myslov, Lucy Haslar and John Chapman

(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

NOTICES

Vacancy update - next steps: we confirm that our advertisement for a new vicar is on the Diocesan website, our own website and in the Church Times. The closing date for applications is 5 March 2025. We hope and pray that there is sufficient interest in the vacancy to generate a number of applications and among those suitable applicants to be interviewed. However, nothing is guaranteed. Applicants who progress to the interview stage will be interviewed by a panel on Tuesday 25 March. The panel will include representatives from the Diocese and Mark Jones and Lindsay Woods from Aldenham.

If we do not find our new vicar at the end of this process the vacancy will be re-advertised.

As you will appreciate details of the appointment process are confidential - including how many applicants - so apologies in advance if you have any questions that cannot be answered at this stage. The profile and a copy of the advertisement can be seen on the church website: www.aldenhamchurch.com Just scroll down on the 'News' page to find it.

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 25 February at Radlett Reform Synagogue.

Easter egg donations - your generosity in contributing to Christmas hampers for local families was well received and the parishes will be asked to kindly donate Easter eggs for Easter delivery. Sue Barnard is co-ordinating this for Aldenham; more details to follow.

Dates for your Diaries

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

General questions or enquiries - info@aldenhamchurch.com

More information and diary - www.aldenhamchurch.com

Donations - Barclays A/c No. 90100668 Sort Code 20-74-09