

# ALDENHAM CHURCH ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

## Pew Sheet for Sunday 23 February 2025



### Second Sunday before Lent

### Order of Service which is Holy Communion (CW)

Join us on air at 10.30am or after on this link: <https://youtube.com/live/Ftp65Le9zkA?feature=share>

**Thank you to Fr Richard Watson for leading us in this service**

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

**Opening Hymn:** NEH 397, 'Let us, with a gladsome mind'

**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.

**Collect:** Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

**Epistle:** Revelations 4 read by Jill Gillam

After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.' At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! And the one seated there looks like jasper and cornelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white

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 -  
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robes, with golden crowns on their heads. Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal. Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing, 'Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come.' And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing, 'You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.'

**Hymn:** NEH 436, 'Praise my soul, the King of heaven'

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

**Gospel:** Luke 8, 22-25 Fr Watson

One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side of the lake.' So they put out, and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. They went to him and woke him up, shouting, 'Master, Master, we are perishing!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?'

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

**Sermon:** Fr Watson

**Creed**

**Prayers of Intercession:** Linda Lambert

**The Peace**

**Offertory Hymn:** NEH 285, 'For the beauty of the earth'

## **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:** NEH 463, 'Thine for ever! God of love'

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Final Hymn:** NEH 265, 'Lord of beauty, Thine the splendour'

**Blessing**

**\*Dismissal/Great Amen:**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

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

## **EVENSONG AT 6.30PM**

**Thank you to Revd Oliver Blease for leading us in this service**

**Opening Hymn:** NEH 369, 'Happy are they, they that love God'

**Confession/Absolution**

**Lord's Prayer and versicles/responses**

**Psalm:** 147, 12-end

**Reading:** Genesis 1.1 - 2.3 read by Sue Barnard

**Magnificat**

**Reading:** Matthew 6, 25-end read by A Whittington

**Nunc Dimittis**

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

**Creed**

**Versicles/responses**

**Collect for the day and 2nd/3rd Collect**

**Address:** Revd Blease

**Hymn:** NEH 244, 'Glory to thee, my God,  
this night

**Prayers**

**Hymn:** NEH 245, 'God, that madest earth and heaven'

**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

**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 1st March** - Coffee & Cake from 10.30 am with music by Trio con Brio featuring piano, clarinets and saxophone. The Concert begins 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.
- **Sunday 27 April** - the annual APCM/AGM in church after the morning service, followed by lunch at the Golf Club. Timing and cost TBC. Please see Jill Gillam to book your place.

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