

# ALDENHAM CHURCH ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Pew Sheet for Sunday 23 March 2025



## The Third Sunday of 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/hZC0ArH-MuA?feature=share>

**Welcome and thanks to Revd Stephen Mephram for leading us in this service**

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

**Opening Hymn:** NEH 461, 'There's a wideness in God's mercy'

**Greeting/Confession/Absolution:**

\*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, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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 10, 1-13 read by Rachel Foster

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire

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.c  
om](mailto:info@aldenhamchurch.com)

evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

**Hymn:** NEH 64, 'Be thou my guardian and my guide'

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

**Gospel:** Luke 13, 1-9 the Minister

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did. Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

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

**Sermon:** Revd Mephram

**Creed**

**Prayers of Intercession:** led by Sue Barnard

**The Peace**

**Offertory Hymn:** NEH 95, 'When I survey the wondrous Cross'

**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 294, 'Just as I am, without one plea'

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Final Hymn:** NEH 84, 'It is a thing most wonderful'

**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 or Jackie Wilson

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

## **EVENSONG AT 6.30PM**

**Welcome and thank you to Revd Marshall for leading us in this service**

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

**Confession/Absolution**

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

**Psalm:** 13

**Reading:** Genesis 28, 10-19 read by A Whittington

**Magnificat**

**Reading:** John 1, 35-end read by Valerie Turner

**Nunc Dimittis**

**Creed**

**Versicles/responses**

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

**Address:**

**Hymn:** NEP 647, 'Will you come and follow me'

**Prayers**

**Hymn:** NEP 626, 'Amazing grace!'

**Blessing**

## **NOTICES**

**Easter egg donations** - the parishes have been asked to kindly donate Easter eggs for Easter delivery to local families. Sue Barnard is co-ordinating this for Aldenham and there is a box at the back of the church for your donations. Thank you!

## **Dates for your Diaries**

- **Lent Study** weekly course at Vision Hall, Radlett on Wednesdays @7.30pm until 9 April.
- **4 April** - Electoral Roll forms to be completed by this date.
- **Sunday 27 April** - the annual APCM/AGM in church after the morning service, followed by lunch at the Golf Club. Choice of main course @ £17.95. Please include your name on the form at the back of the church if you to book your place.

**General questions or enquiries - [info@aldenhamchurch.com](mailto:info@aldenhamchurch.com)  
More information and diary - [www.aldenhamchurch.com](http://www.aldenhamchurch.com)  
Donations - Barclays A/c No. 90100668 Sort Code 20-74-09**