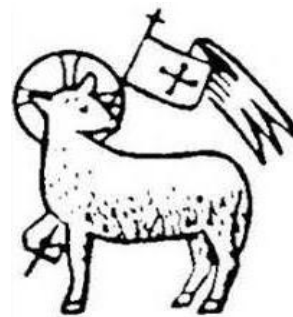


St John the Baptist, Aldenham

Sunday 18th January 2026

The Second Sunday of Epiphany



10:30am Family Service with Communion 6:30pm Evensong

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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.

10:30am FAMILY SERVICE with HOLY COMMUNION

We are delighted to welcome back The Revd. Charlie Hudson to lead us in worship.

Opening Hymn: *NEH 636 Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father*

Greeting, Prayer of Preparation

Confession and Absolution

The Gloria

Collect

Epistle: *1 Corinthians 1.1-9 read by Linda Lambert*

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Second Hymn: *NEH 612 Spirit of God, unseen as the wind*

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Gospel: *John 1.29-42, read by the Minister*

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.' The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

Sermon given by Revd Charlie Hudson.

The Creed

Prayers of Intercession *led by Sue Barnard*

Lord's Prayer

Peace

Preparation of the Table

Offertory Hymn: *NEH 619 Lord, for the years*

Eucharistic Prayer

Prayer of Humble Access

Breaking of the Bread

Distribution of Communion

Communion Hymn: *NEH 623 I come with joy to meet my Lord*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Closing Hymn: *NEH 613 Christ triumphant, ever reigning*

Blessing

Dismissal

Please be invited to remain in the Church for coffee after the service.

6:30pm EVENSONG

We are delighted to welcome back The Revd. Ollie Blease to lead us in worship.

Opening hymn: *NEH 246 Holy Father, cheer our way*

General Confession / Absolution

Lord's Prayer / Preces and Responses

Psalm: *Ps. 46 v. 1-6*

OT Lesson: *Ezekiel 2.1-3.4 read by Sue Barnard*

Magnificat

NT Lesson: *Galatians 1.11-end read by Mark Bassett*

Nunc Dimittis

Creed

Lesser Litany and Responses

Collect for the Day, Second and Third Collect

Address by Revd Ollie Blease

Second hymn: *NEH 372 He who would valiant be*

Prayers

Closing hymn: *NEH 468 Through the night of doubt and sorrow*

Blessing

PRAYER LIST

Please **pray** for: *Fiona McGuinness, Isla Hart, Natalia, Rostislav Myslov, Lucy Haslar, and John Chapman.*

(Please let us know if you anyone would like to be added to this list with their permission.)

NOTICES

Next Sunday: *10:30pm Holy Communion (Common Worship); 6:30pm Evensong*

Children's Church *will be held on the first Sunday of every month and therefore the next session will be on Feb 1st at 10.30am*

Parking *is available in the Social Club Car Park for the Morning Service. Please leave the space outside the church for those less able.*

Pastoral Care *If you need care or assistance at any time, please do not hesitate to contact Sue Barnard or Jackie Wilson. This can be done either in person on Sunday, through the contact box on the website or by calling Jackie on 07949 587828.*

ABRSM Exams

Once again the music exams will be returning to us at the end of February and the beginning of March for 6 more days of music exams.

These exam days are so important to the church, not only do we get paid quite well for them – as do the Stewards – but they also pay for the pianos to be tuned and the refreshments we use, but also provide us with some days of interest and the ability to help people.

Jill tells me that last year we made around £7,500 for the church and a further £3,300 was paid to the Stewards. As she says, “it is a nice little earner” but fun to do and interesting to hear the various musicians in their progress in music.

If you would like to help next time, please contact Rosemary on:

rosemary.edwards375@gmail.com.

You can find the dates on the website at: www.aldenhamchurch.com/diary

Well done to all!



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St. John the Baptist, Aldenham Parish Church
*(or talk to Jill or Cathy if you would like to become a
regular contributor or a friend.)*