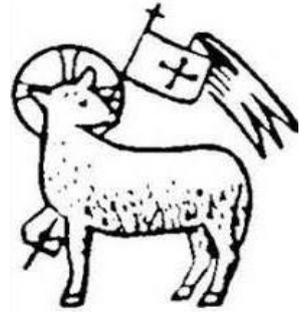


St John the Baptist, Aldenham

Sunday 22nd February 2026

The First Sunday of Lent

10:30am Holy Communion (CW) – 6:30pm Evensong



COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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 HOLY COMMUNION (COMMON WORSHIP)

Also streamed 'live' on this link - <https://youtube.com/live/ZwBLwRwEsio?feature=share>

We are delighted to welcome The Revd. Jos Perris to celebrate and preach.

**Please refer to the Mass of St Thomas booklet for the music.*

Opening Hymn: *NEH 333 All my hope on God is founded*

Gathering, Prayer of Preparation, Summary of the Law

Confession, *Kyries and Absolution

Collect

Epistle: *Romans 5.12-19, read by Jackie Wilson*

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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Gradual Hymn: *NEH 439 Praise to the Holiest in the height (excluding ★ verses)*

Gospel: *Matthew 4.1-11, read by Rev Jos Perris*

***Acclamation:** *Glory to you, O Lord!*

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

***Accl.:** *Praise to you, O Christ!*

Sermon – Rev Jos Perris

Creed

Prayers of Intercession *led by Sue Barnard*

Peace

Preparation of the Table

Offertory Hymn: *NEH 295 Let all mortal flesh keep silence*

***Preface**

***Sanctus and Benedictus**

Eucharistic Prayer

***Accl.:** *Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again!*

***Accl.:** *Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever.*

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

***Agnus Dei**

Prayer before Communion / Distribution of Communion

Communion Hymn: *NEH 67 Forty days and forty nights*

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

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. Oliver Blease to lead us in worship.

Opening hymn: *NEH 74 O for a heart to praise my God*

General Confession / Absolution

Lord's Prayer / Preces and Responses

Psalm: *Ps. 50 vs 1-6*

OT Lesson: *Deuteronomy 6.4-9, 16-end read by Valerie Turner*

Magnificat

NT Lesson: *Luke 15.1-10 read by Martin Jeens*

Nunc Dimittis

Creed

Lesser Litany and Responses

Collect for the Day, Second and Third Collect

Address – Rev Ollie Blease

Second hymn: *NEH 64 Be thou my guardian and my guide*

Prayers

Closing hymn: *NEH 353 Dear Lord and Father of mankind*

Blessing PRAYER LIST

PRAYER LIST

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

We commend to God the soul of Tim Sewell, praying for his family and friends.

NOTICES

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

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.*

Children's Church will be held on the first Sunday of every month the next one being on March 1st at 10.30am. Here is some examples of what they have done in previous months. Do you know any under 12's who would like to join this happy group?

At Sunday School in January we were talking about Epiphany.

The three wise men followed the star to the stable where Mary and Joseph were with baby Jesus.



We made sun catcher Stars.



We decorated star biscuits.



In Sunday School this month we celebrated Candlemas



Simeon and Anna were happy when Mary and Joseph brought baby Jesus into the Temple. We decorated candle holders with things that make us happy.



We decorated a cake using sweets to look like candles. We shared the cake with everyone at coffee time. The candles remind us that Jesus is the light of the world.



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St. John the Baptist, Aldenham Parish Church

Current projects are for replanting some of our fallen trees and repair and repointing of the boundary wall. If you are kind enough to consider a donation and would like it to go to a specific fund, please note it in the reference.

Thank you!