

# St John the Baptist, Aldenham

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026

## The Second Sunday of Lent

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



### Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### 10:30am HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) including Sunday School.

*We are delighted to welcome again The Revd. Clare Baynes to celebrate and preach.*

This service will also be broadcast live on this link:

[https://youtube.com/live/Ltd\\_szZZtJE?feature=share](https://youtube.com/live/Ltd_szZZtJE?feature=share)

**Opening Hymn:** *NEH 449 Soldiers of Christ, arise!*

**Lord's Prayer / Collect for Purity / The Summary of the Law / Kyries**

**Prayer for the Sovereign / Collect**

**Epistle:** *Romans 4.1–5, 13–17, read by Linda Lambert*

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn:** *NEH 337 As pants the hart for cooling stream*

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.*

**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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**Gospel: John 3.1-17**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

***Thanks be unto Thee, O Lord, for this thy Holy Gospel***

**Creed**

**Sermon – Rev Clare Baynes**

**Offertory Hymn: NEH 357 Father, hear the prayer we offer**

**Bidding Prayers**

**Confession / Absolution / Comfortable Words**

**Sursum Corda / Sanctus / Benedictus**

**Prayer of Humble Access /**

**Consecration of the Sacrament / Agnus Dei**

**The Administration of the Sacrament**

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

**Final Prayers / Blessing**

**Final Hymn: NEH 271 Alleluia, sing to Jesus**

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

## 6:30pm EVENSONG

*Mark Bassett will lead us in worship and prayer*

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

**General Confession / Absolution**

**Lord's Prayer / Preces and Responses**

**Psalm:** *Ps. 135: 13-21*

**OT Lesson:** *Numbers 21: 4 – 9, read by Andrew Whittington*

**Magnificat**

**NT Lesson:** *Luke 14: 27 -33, read by Mark Jones*

**Nunc Dimittis**

**Creed**

**Lesser Litany and Responses**

**Collect for the Day, Second and Third Collect**

**Address – Mark Bassett**

**Second Hymn:** *NEH 76 Take up thy cross, the Saviour said*

**Prayers**

**Closing Hymn:** *NEH 417 O God, our help in ages past*

**Closing Prayer**

## 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:** *10:30am Family Worship with Communion; 6:30pm Evensong.*

**Children's Church** *will be held this Sunday!*

**Parking** *may be 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.*

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**10:30 CAKE & COFFEE**  
**11:30 RECITAL (FOR AROUND 1 HOUR)**

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