



St John the Baptist, Aldenham

Sunday 15th March 2026

Mothering Sunday

10:30am Matins – 6:30pm Evensong



Collect of the Day

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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 MATINS

We are delighted to welcome back John Hayes to lead us in worship.

If you cannot be with us you can watch live or catch up later on:

<https://youtube.com/live/Yz6K1DueQ1o?feature=share>

Opening Hymn: *NEH 186 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord*

Sentences of Scripture

Confession

Collect for Absolution

Lord's Prayer

Preces and Responses

Venite

Psalm: *Ps. 127*

Except the Lord build the house: their labour is but lost that build it.

Except the Lord keep the city: the watchman waketh but in vain.

It is but lost labour that ye haste to rise up early, and so late take rest, and eat the bread of carefulness: for so he giveth his beloved sleep.

Lo, children and the fruit of the womb: are an heritage and gift that cometh of the Lord.

Like as the arrows in the hand of the giant: even so are the young children.

Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed when they speak with their enemies in the gate.

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First Lesson: *2 Corinthians 1.3-7 read by Jill Gillam*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

Instead of the Te Deum: God, we praise You; God, we bless You (separate sheet)

Second Lesson: *Luke 2: 33 - 35 read by Valerie Turner*

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

In place of the Jubilate Deo *NEH 334 All people that on earth do dwell*

Creed

Lesser Litany and Responses

Collect for the Day, Second and Third Collect

Intercessions *led by Jill Gillam*

Hymn: *NEH 285 For the beauty of the earth*

Sermon and Distribution of Flowers – John Hayes

Final Hymn: *NEH 413 Now thank we all our God*

Closing Prayer

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

6:30pm EVENSONG

Mark Jones will lead us in worship and prayer

Opening hymn: *NEH 161 For Mary, Mother of the Lord*

General Confession / Absolution

Lord's Prayer / Preces and Responses

Psalm: *Ps. 23*

OT Lesson: *1 Samuel 16.1-13 read by Mark Bassett*

Magnificat

NT Lesson: *Ephesians 5.8-14 read by Martin Jeens*

Nunc Dimittis

Creed

Lesser Litany and Responses

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Address

Second hymn: *NEH 178 Tis good, Lord, to be here*

Prayers

Closing hymn: *NEH 408 Love divine, all loves excelling*

Closing prayer

PRAYER LIST

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

(Do let us know if there is someone to remember here – with their permission)

CONTACTS AND INFORMATION

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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.

Parking, unfortunately the Social Club Car Park cannot be made available for the Morning Service any longer, we hope this is temporary.

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.

Next Concert: SATURDAY EVENING MARCH 21st

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A Rainbow in Song

Saturday 21st March, 7.30pm

**Aldenham Church, Church Lane,
Radlett, WD25 8BE**

Come and hear us create a rainbow in song with a wide range of traditional and popular music. Tea, coffee and cake will be available!

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