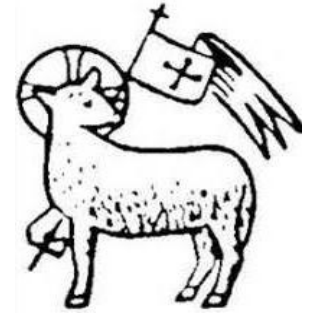


St John the Baptist, Aldenham

Sunday 29th March 2026

Palm Sunday

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



COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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 broadcast live on this link:

https://youtube.com/live/fXD8Os9cc_Q?feature=share

*We are delighted to welcome, to celebrate and preach,
The Right Revd. Dr Jane Mainwaring, Bishop of Hertford.*



Opening Hymn: *NEH 511 Ride on, ride on in majesty*

Gathering, Blessing of Palm Crosses

The Palm Gospel: *Matthew 21.1–11, read by the Churchwarden, Mark Jones*

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

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, 'Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.' The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!' When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

***Acclamation: Praise to you, O Christ**

Collect

Epistle: *Philippians 2.5-11, read by Sue Barnard*

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gradual Hymn: *NEH 333 All my hope on God is founded (vv 1, 2 & 5)*

Gospel: *The Passion Gospel according to St Mark, read in parts*
[see separate booklet]

Sermon – Bishop Jane Mainwaring

Creed

Prayers of Intercession *led by the Churchwarden, Mark Jones*

Peace

Preparation of the Table

Offertory Hymn: *NEH 83 Glory be to Jesus (vv 1,2,3 & 7)*

***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 86 My song is love unknown (vv 1, 2, 3, 5, 7)*

Prayer after Communion

Closing Hymn: *NEH 338 At the name of Jesus*

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. Philip Green to lead us in worship.

Opening hymn: *NEH 94 We sing the praise of him who died*

General Confession / Absolution

Lord's Prayer / Preces and Responses

Psalm: *Ps. 80*

OT Lesson: *Isaiah 5.1–7 read by Martin Jeens*

Magnificat

NT Lesson: *Matthew 21.33–end read by Mark Jones*

Nunc Dimittis

Creed

Lesser Litany and Responses

Collect for the Day, Second and Third Collect

Address – Revd Philip Green

Second hymn: *NEH 439 Praise to the Holiest in the height*

Prayers

Closing hymn: *NEH 391 King of glory, King of peace*

Blessing

PRAYER LIST

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

*We commend to God the soul of Joan Hill, praying for her family and friends.
(Do let us know if there is someone to remember here – with their permission)*



NOTICES

Next Sunday: 10:30am Easter Sunday Holy Communion (BCP); 6:30pm Evensong
Children's Church will be held on the first Sunday of every month.

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.

Last Week's Concert. A huge thank you if you came along to last weeks concert on Saturday evening with the Quorum Choir of St Albans. You may remember that we were sharing the proceeds with the Choir's charity, Rennie Grove Peace Hospice and your generosity meant that we were able to donate £500 towards this very worthy cause.

So, not just a delightful evening but a praiseworthy one too. **THANK YOU!**

Next concert - Saturday April 4th is the next in the Saturday Morning series featuring an emerging young pianistic talent in Herman Med Cerisa with a brilliant recital of these pieces:

F. Schubert - Piano Sonata in A minor, D784
F. Chopin - Scherzo no.3 in C-sharp minor, op.39

F. Chopin - Ballade no.4 in F minor, op.52

S. Prokofiev - Piano Sonata no.7 in B-flat major, op.83

10.30am for coffee and cake – 11.30 recital.

You can find him on YouTube!

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SATURDAY 4TH APRIL

ALDENHAM CHURCH COFFEE CONCERT

HERMAN MED CERISHA

A rising star from the Royal Academy of Music, Herman Med Cerisha brings a dazzling programme shaped by international acclaim and performances at leading concert venues.

LIVE MUSIC | TEA & COFFEE | CAKES & BISCUITS

ALL WELCOME

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

The poster features a blue background with yellow stars and clouds. It includes three small images: a portrait of Herman Med Cerisha, a drawing of a unicorn, and a photograph of the church building.