

# St John the Baptist, Aldenham

*Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026*

## The Second Sunday of Easter

**10:30am Family Worship – 6:30pm Evensong**



### Collect of the Day

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### 10:30am FAMILY WORSHIP

*The Churchwarden, Mark Jones will lead us in worship and prayer*

*This service will also be available to watch live or to catch up with on:*

[https://youtube.com/live/Cmj\\_ORiUafE?feature=share](https://youtube.com/live/Cmj_ORiUafE?feature=share)

### Welcome

**Opening hymn:** *NEH 106 Come, ye faithful, raise the strain.*

### Gathering

### Collect

### Confession

### Prayer for Absolution

**Second hymn:** *NEH 445 Rock of ages, cleft for me*

**First Reading:** *1 Peter 1.3-9, read by Bob Clark*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice

with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

**Second Reading:** *Acts 2:14, 22-32 read by Mark Jones*

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, “I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.” ‘Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, “He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.” This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.



**Reflection:** The Churchwarden

**The Creed**

**Third hymn:** *NEH 137 Come down, O love divine*

**Intercessions** *led by Sue Barnard*

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Closing hymn:** *NEH 345 Christ is the King, O friends, rejoice!*

**Closing prayer**

**Dismissal**

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

*We badly need more people to volunteer to provide this, PLEASE could you add your name to the list at the back of the church to help occasionally?*

## 6:30pm EVENSONG

*We are delighted to welcome back the Revd. Philip Green to lead us in worship.*

**Opening hymn:** *NEH 247 O Gladsome light, O grace*

**Confession / Absolution**

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

**Psalm:** *Ps. 30 vv. 1-5*

**OT Lesson:** *Daniel 6: 1 - 23 read by Andrew Whittingham*

**Magnificat**

**NT Lesson:** *Mark 15:14-16:8, read by Sue Barnard*

**Nunc Dimittis**

**Creed**

**Lesser Litany and Responses**

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

**Address:** *Revd. Green*

**Second Hymn:** *NEH 342 Breathe on me, Breath of God*

**Prayers**

**Closing Hymn:** *NEH 376 I heard the voice of Jesus say*

**Blessing**

### PRAYER LIST

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

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

### THANK YOU!

*A big thank you to everyone who helped to decorate the church so beautifully for Easter and especially to Sephie (with maybe a little help) for the Easter Garden on display in the South Porch and pictured above.*

*Also to Julia for organising the Easter Egg hunt for Sunday School and Basil for the eggs!*

*Also, to all those who helped and provided cakes and refreshments for the concert last Saturday with the incredible young pianist, Herman Med Cerisha.*

*The event raised £580 to go towards the repair of the wall.*

*The stream is still available to watch on:*

<https://youtube.com/live/Ld9HkC3KWWWE?feature=share>



## NOTICES

### **HELP!**

*We are seeking two volunteers for the Deanery Synod Representative position on the PCC. This role requires attending just two or three meetings annually at various locations, where you can present our concerns and share updates with the PCC afterwards.*

*If you're able to assist, please let us know by email or speak to Mark, Ken, or Linda on Sunday.*

### **THANK YOU**

**Next Sunday:** *Join us at 10:30am for Matins and at 6:30pm for Evensong.*

**Children's Church** *takes place on the first Sunday of every month, with the next session scheduled for May 3rd at 10:30am.*

**Parking** *for the Morning Service is available at the Social Club Car Park. Kindly reserve spaces immediately outside the church for those with limited mobility.*

**Pastoral Care** *If you require support or assistance at any time, please contact Sue Barnard or Jackie Wilson—either in person on Sunday, via the website contact box, or by calling Jackie at 07949 587828.*

**The APCM and AGM** *will be held after morning service on Sunday, 26th April. This is an opportunity to share your thoughts and ask questions of the PCC. If you're unable to attend but would like your question raised, please inform us by email.*

*Jill has arranged a lunch at the Golf Club, with a choice of two or three courses payable on the day. Please sign up on the sheet in church or email us if you plan to join.*

*Thank you!*

### **INFORMATION**

*General questions or queries - [info@aldenhamchurch.com](mailto:info@aldenhamchurch.com)*

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