



St John the Baptist, Aldenham



GOOD FRIDAY - On Good Friday, at 2pm, Mark Jones will lead the Liturgy of Good Friday at Aldenham Church, a service of reflection and meditation on Christ's sacrifice on the Cross, marking the most solemn day of the Christian year.

Sunday 5th April 2026

Easter Sunday

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

Collect for Easter Day

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

10:30am HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)

We are delighted to welcome Revd Ian Pankhurst to administer the sacrament and preach for us.

This service will also be broadcast live and for catch up on this link:

<https://youtube.com/live/kL1oCEyOXe4?feature=share>

The Service of Light (separate sheet)

Opening Hymn: *NEH 110 Jesus Christ is risen to-day, Alleluia!*

During the Opening Hymn the Sunday School will retire for their Easter Egg Hunt!

Gathering, Lord's Prayer / Collect

The Summary of the Law / Kyries,

Prayer for the Sovereign / Collect

Epistle: *Acts 10.34-43, read by Ian or Jackie Wilson*

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he

went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Gradual Hymn: *NEH 351 Come, ye faithful, raise the anthem*

Gospel: *John 20.1-18, read by Revd Pankhurst*

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.



Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say

to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Creed

Sermon: Revd Pankhurst

Offertory / Offertory Hymn: *NEH 112 Jesus lives! Thy terrors now*

Bidding Prayers / Confession / Absolution / The Comfortable Words

Sursum Corda / Sanctus / Benedictus

Prayer of Humble Access / Consecration of the Sacrament / Agnus Dei

The Administration of the Sacrament

Communion Hymn: *NEH 123 Walking in a garden*

Final Prayers / Blessing

Final Hymn: *NEH 120 Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son*

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

6:30pm EVENSONG

The service will be led by the Churchwarden, Dr Mark Jones.

Opening hymn: *NEH 124 Ye choirs of new Jerusalem*

Confession / Collect for Absolution

Lord's Prayer / Preces and Responses

Psalm: *Ps. 105 vv. 1-7*

OT Lesson: *Song of Solomon 3.2-5, read by Valerie Turner*

Magnificat

NT Lesson: *Revelation 1.12-18, read by Mark Bassett*

Nunc Dimittis

Creed

Preces and Responses

Collect for the Day, Second and Third Collect

Reflection: *The Churchwarden, Mark Jones*

Second Hymn: *NEH 115 Now the green blade riseth*

Prayers

Closing Hymn: *NEH 437 Praise the Lord! Ye heavens adore him!*

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)

NOTICES



Basil wishes us all a very Happy Easter and has kindly donated some Easter Eggs for distribution at some point in the services.

So kind, and Happy Easter to you too Basil.

Next Sunday: 10:30am Matins; 6:30pm Evensong.

Children's Church this week will be an Easter Egg Hunt leaving during the first hymn of the morning service.

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.

The APCM and AGM will take place after morning church on Sunday 26th April. Your chance to have your say and ask any questions of the PCC! This will be followed by lunch at the Golf Club for all. Please fill in the sheet in church if you are coming or let us know by email.

If you cannot come but would like a question asked on your behalf please also let us know by email.

Thank you!

INFORMATION

General questions or queries - info@aldenhamchurch.com

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A very Happy Easter to all!