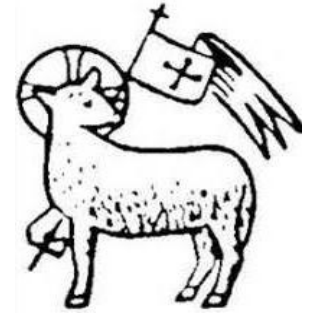


St John the Baptist, Aldenham

Sunday 24th May 2026

Whitsun / Pentecost

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



Collect of the Day

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

10:30am HOLY COMMUNION (COMMON WORSHIP)

**Please refer to the Mass of St Thomas booklet for the music.*

Also to be broadcast on the following link:

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

Opening Hymn: *NEH 137 Come down, O Love divine*

Gathering, Prayer of Preparation, Summary of the Law

Confession and Absolution

***Gloria**

Collect

Epistle: *Acts 2.1-21 read by Jill Gillam*

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem,

let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Gradual Hymn: *NEH 139 Come, thou Holy Spirit, come*

Gospel: *John 20.19-23 read by the Vicar*

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

***Accl.:** *Praise to you, O Christ!*

Sermon – Rev John Castle

Creed

Prayers of Intercession *led by Sue Barnard*

Peace

Preparation of the Table

Offertory Hymn: *NEH 431 O thou who camest from above*

***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 295 Let all mortal flesh keep silence*

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

Blessing / *Dismissal

Please remain in the Church for coffee after the service.

6:30pm EVENSONG

We are delighted to welcome back Rev Philip Green who will lead the service for us.

Opening hymn: *NEH 367 Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost*

General Confession / Absolution

Lord's Prayer / Preces and Responses

Psalm: *Ps. 67*

OT Lesson: *Joel 2.21–end read by Valerie Turner*

Magnificat

NT Lesson: *Acts 2.14–38 read by Mark Bassett*

Nunc Dimittis

Creed

Lesser Litany and Responses

Collect for the Day, Second and Third Collect

Address, Rev Philip Green

Second hymn: *NEH 140 Holy Spirit, come, confirm us*

Prayers

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

Blessing

PRAYER LIST

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

Please remember in your prayers Judith Kalnina and her family and friends as they mourn the loss of her father earlier this week.

Please also remember Christopher and Michelle Calaby, who will be married here on Saturday 23rd May.

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

Next Sunday: *Join us at 10:30am for Matins led by Rev John Castle and at 6:30pm for Evensong led by Rev Philip Green.*

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.

Rev John Castle will be pleased to visit anyone by request at a mutually convenient time. His usual working days are Sunday, Tuesday and Saturday.

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QUIZ NIGHT

An exciting evening of fun and interesting questions, together with Fish & Chip supper, an amazing raffle and some banter along the way.

Do join us for tables of 6 or come individually of course.

Please let Ken know how many seats or tables and your choice of fish or veggie burger you need ASAP 😊.

Family and friends' welcome – of course and we have a max of 10 tables of 8.

Drinks and nibbles from the bar at the Social Club.

NEXT CONCERT

A bit of early warning of our next concert featuring Saxophonist Stuart Sidders and friends with a Jazz orientated morning of popular music.

This will be on June 6th, cake at 10.30, concert at 11.30.

One for the diary!

