St John the Baptist, Aldenham

Sunday 11th October 2026

The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Harvest Festival

10:30am All-Age Harvest Celebration — 6:30pm Evensong

Collect

Heavenly Father,
you made the earth and all that is in it,
and provide food for all your creatures.
Thank you for all the blessings you pour upon us.
Help us to use all your gifts responsibly,
for our own good and the well-being of all creation.
May the gifts which we offer today bring blessing
to all who receive them;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

10:30am ALL-AGE HARVEST CELEBRATION

Also to be broadcast live or to catch up with on this link:
https://youtube.com/live/BOX3jSIjd88?feature=share

All the words of the liturgy and hymns are on the overhead screen today.

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Opening Hymn: *We plough the fields and scatter* Harvest gifts will be brought up **Song:** *He's got the whole world in his hands* **Bible Reading:** Ruth chapter 2 (abridged) *read by George Castle*	**Sermon** *by Rev John Castle* **Song:** *Harvest Samba* **Prayers** **The Peace** **Notices** **Closing Hymn:** *Great is thy faithfulness*

You are invited to remain in the Church for coffee/tea after the service.

PRAYER LIST *Please pray for: Fiona McGuiness, Isla Hart, Natalia, Rostislav Myslov, Lucy Haslar, and John Chapman; Mia and Michael Walters who were married on 5th September; Ashley Worrell, being confirmed this Thursday; and those to be baptised in November, their parents and godparents. (Do let us know if there is someone to remember here – with their permission.)*

6:30pm EVENSONG

Opening Hymn: *472 When all thy mercies, O my God*	**Creed** *(p22)*
Confession / Absolution *(p18)*	**Lesser Litany and Responses**
Lord's Prayer / Preces and Responses	**Collects**
Psalm: 103:1-14	**Address:** *Rev John Castle*
OT Lesson: Proverbs 3:1-18 *read by George Castle*	*"Children of God"*
Magnificat *(p19)*	**Second Hymn:** *436 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven*
NT Lesson: 1 John 3:1-15 *read by Valerie Turner*	**Prayers**
Nunc Dimittis *(p21)*	**Closing Hymn:** *393 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us*
	Blessing

NOTICES

This Thursday, 15th October *is the* ***Team Confirmation Service*** *at St Martin's, Shenley, at 7.30 pm. Please pray for the candidates, who include* ***Ashley Worrell*** *from our morning congregation here in Aldenham. Please pray for them all, that they would receive the anointing and empowering of the Holy Spirit for their lives as disciples of Jesus Christ.*

Next Sunday*: 10:30am Matins, with commemoration of the Battle of Trafalgar; 6.30 pm Evensong*

Children's Church *is held on the first Sunday of every month at the 10.30 service.*

Coffee Concert 3rd October: Many thanks to all who helped with refreshments and welcome at this concert, which raised £600 for Macmillan Cancer Support. You can watch it at:
https://youtube.com/live/ZsipWjOsCO8?feature=share

The next concert will be on Saturday November 7th featuring the North London Military Wives Choir

Harvest: Today's Harvest donations will go to the Borehamwood Foodbank. Please bring **only** the following items (NO pasta or baked beans! And no fresh produce):

Urgently needed		*Also needed*	
Rice (500g/1kg bags)	Tinned Fruit	Jams, Peanut Butter, Honey	Tinned Tomatoes
Tinned Carrots	Tinned Custard	UHT Milk (1l)	Cereals
Crisps	Coffee	Porridge	Tinned Peas
Tinned Rice Pudding	Cooking Sauces (Jars)	Biscuits	Tinned Sweetcorn
Tinned Hotdogs	Tinned Fish	Spaghetti Hoops	Tinned Potatoes
Tinned Meatballs	1 ltr Carton Juice	Teabags	Savoury Biscuits
Tinned Meat			

Looking ahead:

November and December are busy times! Here's what's coming up:

1st November (All saints)

At **10.30 am** in our BCP Communion Service we will welcome Arthur Holland-Hibbert into membership of the Church through baptism.

At **6.30 pm** we will be holding a **Memorial Service** where we will remember those we have loved and lost through death, with well-known hymns, poems and music from the choir. All are welcome, and we will particularly be inviting those who have been bereaved in the past year.

Saturday 7th November 10.30 am Coffee and cake followed by Concert at 11.30 am featuring the North London Military Wives Choir. Free entry, donations requested.

Sunday 8th November is Remembrance Sunday. Instead of our usual morning service we will be holding a service of Remembrance at the War Memorial at Letchmore Heath at 10.30 am.

15th November: after the morning service we'll be welcoming Parker Bowman and Bonnie Coates at a special baptism service at 12.30 pm.

22nd November: During the Morning Service we will be welcoming Isla McIvor through Baptism. This will be an all-age Service of the Word (no communion).

29th November: The Morning Service will be Holy Communion (Common Worship) in place of the usual 4th Sunday slot.

December

Highlights will include the Commemoration of those lost in HMS Aldenham during the Morning Service on Sunday 13th December, the Carol Service on Sunday 20th December, and the Christingle Service on Christmas Eve. More details to follow.

Pastoral Care: *Please contact Sue Barnard or Jackie Wilson 07949 587828 or via the website contact box. The Vicar,* ***Rev John Castle,*** *will be pleased to visit anyone by request. His usual working days are Sunday, Monday and Wednesday, but he can also visit at a mutually convenient time.*
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