St John the Baptist, Aldenham

Sunday 18th October 2026

The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

St Luke

10:30am Matins — 6:30pm Evensong

Collect

Almighty God,
you called Luke the physician,
whose praise is in the gospel,
to be an evangelist and physician of the soul:
by the grace of the Spirit
and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel,
give your Church the same love and power to heal;
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. Amen.

10:30am MATINS (BCP)

https://youtube.com/live/zStVrrb1f7k?feature=share

Opening Hymn: 485 *Thy hand, I God has guided*	**Benedictus**
Psalm: 146 (p533) **Venite**	**Intercessions** *led by Mark Jones*
First Reading: Isaiah 35:3-6 *read by Jill Gillam*	**Hymn: 324** *Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old*
For Te Deum: *God, we praise You; God, we bless You (separate sheet)*	**Sermon** *by Eileen Bigg* *"St Luke"*
Second Reading: Luke 10:1-9 *read by Bella Frankish*	**Closing Hymn: 466** *Thou whose almighty word* *There will follow a short ceremony to commemorate the Battle of Trafalgar*

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

Bible Readings for the Morning Service

Isaiah 35:3-6 (NRSV)

3 Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
4 Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
'Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.'

5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
6 then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

Luke 10:1-9 (NRSV)

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. 2 He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. 3 Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. 4 Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. 5 Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" 6 And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. 7 Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. 8 Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; 9 cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."

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, who was confirmed last 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: 378 (omit v6) *Immortal love, for ever full*	**Creed** *(p22)* **Lesser Litany and Responses**
Confession / Absolution *(p18)*	**Collects**
Lord's Prayer / Preces and Responses	**Address:** *Mark Bassett* *"True wisdom"*
Psalm: 111 *(p493)*	**Second Hymn: 369** *Happy are they, they that love God*
OT Lesson: Proverbs 4:1-18 *read by Andrew Whittington*	**Prayers**
Magnificat *(p19)*	**Closing Hymn: 252** *The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended*
NT Lesson: 1 John 3:16-4:6 *read by Sue Barnard*	**Blessing**
Nunc Dimittis *(p21)*	

NOTICES

Next Sunday**: **10:30am Holy Communion** (Common Worship) with **guest preacher Rev Suchitra Behera** who will speak about the work of the Christian development agency TearFund; **6.30 pm Evensong

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

Journey of faith

On Thursday 15th October, Ashley Worrell from our morning congregation was confirmed at St Martin's Shenley by Bishop Jane, along with 10 members of St Martin's. We give thanks for the work of God in their lives.

*Ashley and 5 others have been taking part in the **Start course**, a six week introduction to the basics of the Christian faith. We will run it again early next year.*

*Our **Bible Study** meetings every other Wednesday are another opportunity for spiritual growth. Next meeting: 28th October, 2.00 – 3.30 pm in the church, all welcome.*

Screening of 'People's Emergency Briefing'

Next **Sunday 25th October, 4.00pm** St Martin's Shenley will be showing this important film featuring nine leading UK scientists and experts explaining the implications for extreme weather, food security, health, the cost of living – as well as grounds for hope. The film lasts 50 minutes, and afterwards there will be an open and informal discussion about what it means for our community and what we can do locally.

This is an issue that is already making a huge impact around the world and will do so more and more here in the UK, so please take the opportunity to become better informed. Bring a friend, neighbour or family member (NB not recommended for under-16s). Contact: Rev Sarah shenleyvicar@outlook.com

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.

There will be an opportunity to light a candle in memory of a loved one, and for names to be read during the prayers.

If you would like to invite someone, please take a card from the back of church.

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

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.