St John the Baptist, Aldenham

Sunday 1st November 2026

All Saints

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

Collect

God of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

10:30am HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) WITH BAPTISM

Also to be broadcast live or to catch up with on this link:
https://youtube.com/live/_V6oglUJz9Q?feature=share

This morning you will need the pink Communion and Baptism service sheets

If you would like the name of someone who has died to be included in the prayers, please write the name(s) legibly in CAPITALS on the sheet near the door. There are separate sheets for the morning and evening services

Children are invited to join Sunday School during the first hymn.

Opening Hymn: 381	**Offertory Hymn: 353**
Jerusalem the Golden	*Dear Lord and Father of mankind*
Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12	**Communion Hymns: 304**
read by: Mark Jones	*Once, only once and once for all*
Sermon *by Rev John Castle*	**341** *Blest are the pure in heart*
"What is a Saint?"	**Closing Hymn: 197**
Baptism of Arthur Holland-Hibbert	*For all the saints*

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

PRAYER LIST *Please pray for: Fiona McGuiness, Isla Hart, Natalia, Rostislav Myslov, and Lucy Haslar; for Arthur Holland-Hibbert, Parker Bowman and Bonnie Coates and Isla McIvor, who are all to be baptised in November; for the family of Eileen Bassett (funeral on 18th November)*

Gospel Reading for the Morning Service

Matthew 5:1-12 (NRSV)

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down,
his disciples came to him. [2] Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

[3] 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

[4] 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

[5] 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

[6] 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be
filled.

[7] 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

[8] 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

[9] 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

[10] 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is
the kingdom of heaven.

[11] 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds
of evil against you falsely on my account. [12] Rejoice and be glad, for your
reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets
who were before you.

6:30pm MEMORIAL SERVICE

See separate sheet for details.

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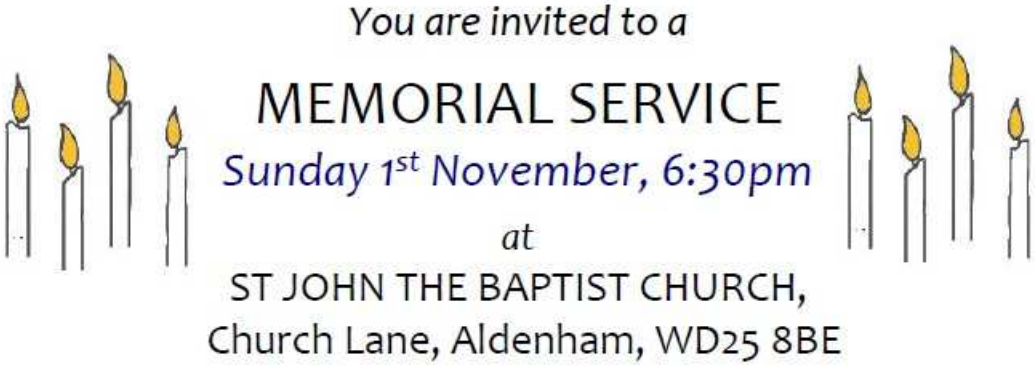

NOTICES

Next 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.**

6.30 pm Evensong

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

Saturday 7th November: Concert with the North London Military Wives' Choir

Coffee and cake from 10.30 am, concert at 11.30 am. See poster on next page.

Services for the rest of November

15th November: after the morning service (Matins) 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.

Shoe Box Appeal

We will once again be collecting shoe boxes for **Operation Christmas Child** in November. This scheme sends Christmas boxes to underprivileged children across the world. The filled boxes can contain stationery, socks, hair slides, combs, small toys, sweets (not chocolate) and toiletries such as toothbrush and soap. I will be taking them for sending off during the week of 10th November, so if you want to support, please have your completed boxes to the back of the church by **Nov 9th**. Leaflets are available at the back of the church with instructions and shoe box labels. Or you can go online here for more instructions and details https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child. Despite fears about rising costs, the suggested donation remains at £5. Many thanks. Morwen Harris 07889 472322.

'A Christmas Carol' 7pm, 17th December

St Martin's Shenley are hosting a performance by 'The Living Theatre' of the Dicken's classic 'A Christmas Carol'. Tickets are £15.50 for adults and £10 for under 16s. Doors open at 7pm with the show starting at 7.30pm. Book tickets using the QR code or following this link:
https://buytickets.at/thelivingtheatre/2471650

www.aldenhamchurch.com

SATURDAY 7TH NOVEMBER

ALDENHAM CHURCH

COFFEE CONCERT

NORTH LONDON MILITARY WIVES CHOIR

A warm and uplifting performance celebrating friendship, music, and shared support – brought to life by women connected through military life and the power of song.

LIVE MUSIC | TEA & COFFEE | CAKES & BISCUITS

ALL WELCOME

10:30 CAKE & COFFEE

11:30 PERFORMANCE (FOR AROUND 1 HOUR)

This concert will also be live-streamed.