

Parish of Mottingham St Andrew with St Alban

19th July 2020, Sixth Sunday after Trinity, 10 am

Opening Hymn & Introduction to worship

Confession

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in thought and word and deed, through negligence,
through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past,
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life,
to the glory of your name. Amen.

Lord have mercy (x2), Christ have mercy (x2), Lord have mercy (x2). Absolution.

Collect Merciful God,

you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *All Amen.*

First Reading (Romans 8: 12-25)

12Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh - 13for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. 15For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' 16it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

18I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. 19For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; 20for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope 21that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; 23and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. 24For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? 25But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

This is the word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

Singing of 'Alleluia' to introduce the Gospel.

Gospel Reading: (Matt 13: 24-30, 36-43)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. All: Glory to you O Lord.

24Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; 25but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. 26So when the plants came up and bore grain then the weeds appeared as well. 27And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" 28He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" 29But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the

wheat along with them. 30Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.”

36Then Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, ‘Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.’ 37He answered, ‘The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; 38the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, 39and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. 40Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. 41The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, 42and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 43Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily - Revd Anne Hoad

Prayers - Revd Ian Welch

The Peace & Offertory Hymn

Eucharistic Prayer

(To be followed as an Agape celebration with one’s own un-consecrated bread and wine, if so wished).

Blessing & Closing Hymn

Notices.

PCC Decisions: The Council voted to continue with live-streaming of the Sunday Eucharist until Sunday 13 September, after which Sunday Eucharistic worship will resume in our two churches (celebrated alternately at St Andrew’s and St Alban’s), with simultaneous live-streaming for those who wish to continue virtual worship. The PCC’s Hall Sub-committee voted to open the church halls for regular user groups from the start of August.

Arts Showcase in Support of the Greenwich and Bexley Community Hospice. *To date. C.£1,000 has been raised for the Hospice from this event. Many thanks to all who have supported this initiative. The giving link is still open via our website (<https://www.standrewandstalban.org.uk>) and via clicking on the image for the Showcase Just Giving page on the St Andrew’s Church Mottingham Facebook page.*

Private Prayers: *St Alban’s, Thursdays, Noon-1pm; and St Andrew’s, Fridays 10-11am*

On-line Improvised Daily Taizé Prayer. *Zoom available via the parish website.*

The Podcast for Revd Ian’s Sermon for Trinity 5 (12.7.20) *is accessible via the parish website & Spotify.*

Children’s sharing. *Any children who wish are welcome to share the creative work they’ve done this week.*

Mottingham Foodbank. *Provisions for the food bank may be donated any day of the week, 9.30 am – 1 pm, at St Edward’s Church Hall. If anyone is interested in volunteering at the Foodbank, contact Revd Ian.*

We continue to hold our dear departed loved ones & friends *in our prayers, and our thoughts are very much with their families at this time. In particular we remember Sylvia Mayden Fellows, Richard Charlton, Havelock Binns, Michelle Parker, Alan Farrer, June Littler, Barry Law, Myrtle Merchant, and all whose Year’s Mind falls at this time.*

A very Happy Birthday to all celebrating Birthdays at this time.