

# Parish of Mottingham St Andrew with St Alban

15th November 2020, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent, 10.30 am

## Opening Hymn & Call to worship

**Confession** Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, we have not loved with our whole heart, we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your great mercy, forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. **Absolution.**

**Gloria** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the most high, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**Collect** Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **All Amen.**

**First Reading: (1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11)** Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security,' then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

**Singing of 'Alleluia':** "The day of the Lord will come suddenly upon us, so keep your souls awake! "

## **Gospel Reading: (Matthew 25: 14-30)**

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

Jesus said to his disciples, 'The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many

things; enter into the joy of your master.” And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, “Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, “Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.” But his master replied, “You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Homily - Revd Ian Welch**

**Prayers - Revd Anne Hoad.**

**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.**

**Children's Society Boxes** *In view of the difficult circumstances this year, I can collect your Box from church or from your house. Alternatively you could pop a cheque round to me made payable to The Children's Society. Please contact me with your preference many thanks Iris email [irismilleris@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:irismilleris@hotmail.co.uk) or tel 0208 488 0012.*

**St Andrew's Patronal Festival and Gift Day:** *Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November, 10.30 am.*

**Monday Zoom Bible Study with Revd Maureen Spinks,** *on the minor prophets, 7.45 pm, ID 864-888-0283, Password 278331. Tomorrow's meeting will focus on Obadiah.*

**Wednesday Zoom Bible Study with Revd Ian Welch.** *'Reflections on the Psalms', 8 pm, ID 675-014-6024 and Password 859013.*

**Morning Prayer on Zoom, Tues, Thurs & Fri, 9 am; Mid-week Communion on Zoom:** *10 am Wednesday. Joining details as above.*

**Private Prayers:** *St Alban's, Thursdays at Noon; St Andrew's, Fridays, 10 - 11 am.*

**PCC Meeting:** *Wed 25<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30 pm, on Zoom. Please submit Agenda items and reports to Imogen by Mon 16 Nov.*

**Children's sharing.** *As always, your recent creative work is warmly welcome, if you wish to share it. Do take a look at the 'Michaelmas Exhibition' and Remembrance drawings on the Church notice board.*

**Mottingham Foodbank.** *Provisions for the food bank may be donated Mon, Thur, Fri, Sat 9.30 am – 1 pm, and Wed 6-7 pm at St Edward's Church Hall. Donations for Christmas Hampers would be greatly appreciated!.*

**Prayers for the sick:** *We especially remember Christiana, Fiona Bailey-Sylvester, Rachel Stevens, Roger Welch, Revd Dave Warren, Roz Ware & Chloe Sissons.*

**We continue to hold our dear departed loved ones & friends** *In particular Jean Robbie, Anjali Walker, Merle Holley, Don Wharton, Alice Payne, Herma Shepherd, and all whose Year's Mind falls at this time.*

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