

Parish of Mottingham St Andrew with St Alban

6/12/20 Advent 2, 10.30 am at St Alban's

Opening Hymn & Call to worship

Kyrie Confession:

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of your kingdom. Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.** You came in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness. Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.** You will come in glory with salvation for your people. Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

Amen. **Absolution.**

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Collect O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **All Amen.**

First Reading: (Isaiah 40: 1 - 11)

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.'

A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength,

O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah,

'Here is your God!' See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him;

his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd;

he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

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

Singing of 'Alleluia': "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God". cf: Isaiah 40: 3-5

Gospel Reading: (Mark 1: 1-8)

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

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight"', John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down

and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily - Revd Anne Hoad

Prayers

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

This year so far we have raised £403. Well done to everyone and thank you all for your continued support. Iris Miller.

Gift Day letters have been sent out, and your generous support for the Church's mission and ministry is warmly invited. Please donate by **Bank Transfer - NatWest; Sort Code 60-05-29: Account 96403543: Reference - Gift Day 2020 or Cheque - Please phone Beverley Howard Tel: 020 8857 3366 or Alison Lawrie Tel: 020 8857 0685 for details.** Please make out cheques to "St Andrew's PCC", & mark those delivered to the Rectory FAO Financial Stewards. This information can also be found on the St Andrew's Day page on our website - <https://www.standrewandstalban.org.uk/st-andrews-day>

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, & Fri, 9 am; Mid-week Communion: 10 am Wednesday. Private Prayers: St Alban's, Thursdays at Noon; St Andrew's, Fridays, 10 - 11 am.

St Andrew's Carol Service by Zoom, Thursday 17th December, 7.30 pm.

Christingle via Zoom, Sunday 20 December, 4pm. Christingle kits to be delivered!

St Alban's Carols and Crib Service via Zoom, Tuesday 22nd December, 5pm.

Midnight Mass, Christmas Eve, 11.30 pm at both churches, if permitted.

Christmas Day Family Service, 10.30 am at St Andrew's.

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 John Potts, Eddie Green, Brian Abbot, Pip Bampton, Jackie Ungar, Tom Biro, Christiana Ajiuya, Fiona Bailey-Sylvester, Rachel Stevens, Roger Welch, Revd Dave Warren, Roz Ware, Rachel Lee, & Chloe Sissons,

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