

Parish of Mottingham St Andrew with St Alban

Parish Pew Sheet for 16th May 2021, Ascension-tide

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)

Prayer of Absolution

The Cantor sings the Gloria.

Collect

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ
to have ascended into the heavens,
so we in heart and mind may also ascend
and with him continually dwell;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **All Amen.**

First Reading: Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26.

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people). He said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus – for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us – one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

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

Alleluia: *"It is the will of the Lord that we should all be one, as he and the Father are One, Alleluia."*

Gospel Reading: (John 17: 6-19).

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

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: 'Father, I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the

world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.'

*This is the Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.***

Homily - Revd Anne Hoad

Prayers

The Peace

Eucharistic Prayer

Blessing

Notices.

Christian Aid Week, 9-16th May.

-Sue & Mick's Christian Aid Quiz, on Zoom, Friday 14th May. Warm thanks to Mick and Sue for a very entertaining evening last Friday!

-Read-in & Sing-in on Zoom, Saturday 22nd May, Noon to 6 pm, on Zoom:

-Kay's Paper Quizzes – please do download the Quiz using the following link – we ask for a £1 donation <https://www.justgiving.com/team/MottinghamCAW2021>.

-Dawn Watts has kindly donated some of her lovely hand-made bracelets to raise money for Christian Aid, available for purchase at the rear of St Alban's on 2nd May.

-Children's Christian Aid packs are available at the rear of the Church. Warmest thanks to Diane Hudson.

-Siri's Appeal in Support of a Disabled Childrens' Home in Sri Lanka. Siri is seeking to raise funds for the Home by undertaking gardening, cleaning and odd jobs. If you wish support this project, please call Siri: 07472 449380

First Meeting of the New PCC, Tuesday 18th May, 7.30 pm, St Andrew's Church, preceded by prayers. Agendas and Minutes have been sent out.

Deanery Forum, on Racial Justice, Wednesday 19th May, 7.30 pm, on Zoom. Contact Revd Ian for the link.

Diocesan Contactless Training, & advice on Virtual Fund-raising. Contact Revd Ian for the link.

Thy Kingdom Come Worship Initiatives from Ascension to Pentecost, 16-23 May, 2021. Prayers will be offered for the persecuted and hidden churches in North Korea, Syria, Sudan, Nigeria, China, Afghanistan, and Sri Lanka.

Sunday after Ascension, 16th May, 2021, 10.30 am, United Eucharist at St Alban's, also on Zoom

Evening Prayer, Tuesday 18th May, 5 pm, on Zoom.

Mid-week Eucharist, Wednesday 19th May, 10 am, St Andrews

Noon Prayer, Thursday 20th May, Noon, at St Alban's.

Morning Prayer, Friday 21st May, 9 am, on Zoom. ID for Zoom services: 675-014-6024 & Password 859013

Festival of Pentecost, Sunday 23rd May, 10.30 am, at St Andrews. A Family Service to mark the Birthday of the Church.

Prayers for the sick: John Potts, Brian Abbot, Pip Bampton, Tom Biro, Roger Welch, Revd Dave Warren, Chloe Sissons, Ray Hole, John Symons, Jim Bulford, Helen Donaldson, Baby Cody, Baby Ruby, Mary Houlston, Jackie Ungar, Tabitha Ungar, David and Janet Hughes, Betty Walsh, Sally Edwards, Wynne Bowen, Tracey Harison, Marion Harison, Baby Niamh King, Baby Indigo, Richard Henry, Humphrey Butts.

We continue to hold our dear departed loved ones & friends in our prayers, In particular Joyce Gilbert, Jocelyn Reason, Revd Stewart Symons and all whose Year's Mind falls at this time.