

# Parish of Mottingham St Andrew with St Alban

25th October 2020, Bible Sunday, 10.30 am

## Opening Hymn & Introduction to worship

**Confession** Your word convicts us: all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy. Your word commands us: repent, and believe the good news.  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Your word assures us: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.** **Absolution.**

**Gloria** - (Said Together). 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**

Blessed Lord, who caused the holy scriptures to be written for our learning:  
help us to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that,  
through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,  
we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life,  
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**All Amen.**

## **First Reading (Colossians 3: 12-17)**

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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

**Singing of 'Alleluia' to introduce the Gospel.** Come to me and listen to my words; hear me, and you shall have life.

## **Gospel Reading: (Matthew 24: 30-35)**

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven"'

with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

*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.**

**Please note that in accord with the new Tier 2 guidance for outdoor meetings, gathering in groups of more than 6 is no longer permitted.** It will be a challenge, but it will be necessary to follow this guidance on leaving church after Sunday services.

**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.

**All Saints and All Souls Memorial Service.** Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November. This will be a United Service held at St Andrew's, at 10.30 am. Please contact Revd Ian, if you wish names of loved ones to be added to the Memorial List.

**Remembrance Day Service for 2020,** Due to the fact that the Council cannot organise road closures this year, and the impossibility of ensuring social distancing, track-and-trace and adherence to the 'rule of 6' at the War Memorial, this year the Act of Remembrance will be held in the respective churches and not at the War Memorial. The service for St Andrew's will commence at 10 am, concluding with the Act of Remembrance (at St Andrew's Church) at 11 am. The St Alban's service will commence at 10.45 am, as in previous years.

**Mid-week Communion:** 10 am Wednesday, St Andrew's.

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

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

**Children's sharing.** As always, your recent creative work is warmly welcome, if you wish to share it. Sarah has now posted the Children's 'Michaelmas Exhibition' 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. If anyone is interested in volunteering at the Foodbank, contact Revd Ian.

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

**We continue to hold our dear departed loved ones & friends** In particular Godfrey Hurst, 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.**