

Parish of Mottingham St Andrew with St Alban

Parish Pew Sheet for 26th April 2020, 3rd Sunday of Easter

A very joyful, blessed & safe Easter Season to you & all your loved ones!

Christ is risen, Alleluia! Alleluia! He is risen indeed, Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Collect

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
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 2: 14a, 36-41

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, 'Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added to their number.

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

Gospel Reading: (Luke 24: 13-35).

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

On that same day, two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes

were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' Jesus asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see Jesus.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized Jesus; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

Homily

Prayers

The Peace

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

Blessing

Notices.

Christian Aid Week. Although we will not be able to collect for this charity in the usual way this year, we are planning for a virtual Quiz and Read-in and/or Sing-in via Zoom. Please see Diane's article in the 'Keep Connected' newsletter on the Website. Warm thanks to Bob Lawrie for getting this up and running.

Foodbank. There is now a Mottingham Foodbank operating from St Edward's Church, for those needing urgent provisions.

Due to the current pandemic, our churches and halls continue to be closed, and services and public meetings suspended. Continuing support and ongoing prayer & worship will be offered through services recorded on 'You-Tube', streamed via 'Zoom', and by email and mail-outs, and up-to-date information is available on the website: www.standrewandstalban.org.uk Contact Bob Lawrie at bob@standrewandstalban.org.uk or Tel: 020 8857 0685 to add items.

For pastoral support call Revd Ian 020 8851 1909/07709 827355, Revd Tim 07504 829190 or Revd Anne 020 8297 8761.