

Parish of Mottingham St Andrew with St Alban

Parish Pew Sheet for 3rd May 2020, 4th 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 God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

First Reading Acts 2 : 42-end

Many were baptized and were added to the community. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

Gospel Reading: (John 10: 1-10).

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

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a

stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.'

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

Homily - Revd Anne Hoad

Prayers - Revd Tim Ndegwa

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 Newsletter up and running.

Sunday Club Activity. As it is the first Sunday of the month, Sarah Welch has posted a children's activity on 'What's App', and any children who wish are welcome to share the creative work they've done either this week, or next week, if they haven't had a chance to try this yet, but would like to do so.

Church Finance. I hope you have received Beverley Howard & Alison Lawrie's letter about continued financial support for the church during the pandemic. If you would like further details on payment possibilities, please call Beverley on 020 8857 366 or Alison on 020 8857 0685.

You Tube Easter-tide Lecture by Revd Ian Welch on the pre-Raphaelite artist, William Holman Hunt. A review of some of Hunt's lesser known works and of his influence as a committed Christian artist, with the following link: https://youtu.be/P1dySpy_1ic

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

We continue to hold our dear departed friends May Lockyer, Myra Longhurst, and Cedric Clancey in our prayers, and our thoughts are very much with their families at this time.

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.