

Parish of Mottingham St Andrew with St Alban

Parish Pew Sheet for 10th May 2020, 5th 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,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

All Amen.

First Reading Acts 7 : 55-end

Standing before the high priest and the council, Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

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

Gospel Reading: (John 14: 1-14).

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes

to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'

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

Homily - Revd Stephanie Warner

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. ***Virtual Coffee Morning via Zoom, Thurs 14 May, 11am, link to be sent on Wednesday.***

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, Friday 16 May, at 7.45pm and Read-in and Sing-in via Zoom, Sat 23 May, Noon-6pm.** Please see Diane's article in the 'Keep Connected' newsletter on the Website, following the link below.<https://www.standrewandstalban.org.uk/christian-aid>*

Sunday Club Activity. *Any children who wish are welcome to share the creative work they've done this week, if they haven't had a chance to do this yet. Warm thanks to Eliza for sharing her lovely Dove on Whats App.*

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, Mon-Sat 9.30am-1pm.*

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, and Douglas Warner, whose Year's Mind falls on this day.*

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 and the Community Newsletter, 'Keep Connected', 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.