

# Parish of Mottingham St Andrew with St Alban

## Parish Pew Sheet for 17th May 2020, 6th 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**

God our redeemer,  
you have delivered us from the power of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:  
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,  
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us  
to eternal joy;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

**All Amen.**

#### **First Reading Acts 17: 22-31**

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him - though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring."

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

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

**Gospel Reading: (John 14: 15-21).**

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

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

**Homily - Revd Tim Ndegwa**

**Prayers - Revd Anne Hoad**

**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.** Warm thanks to Mick & Sue Wood & all who supported the **virtual** Quiz last Friday. **Please do join us for the 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 <https://www.standrewandstalban.org.uk/christian-aid>, in order to donate to Christian Aid.

**Children's sharing.** Any children who wish are welcome to share the creative work they've done this week.

**Ascension Day Eucharist, Thursday 24 May, 7.30pm.** Link to be sent out shortly. Please do join us for this important Festival Service.

**Thy Kingdom Come, Prayers from Ascension-tide to Pentecost.** Morning Prayer, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 10 am; Night Prayer, Tuesday 26 May, 8 pm. Links to be sent out in due course. All very welcome!

**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, Cedric Clancey & Richard Charlton in our prayers, and our thoughts are very much with their families at this time, and also Tim Houlston & Melissa Gilkinson, whose Year's Mind falls at this time.

**The Community Newsletter, 'Keep Connected', is available on the website:** [www.standrewandstalban.org.uk](http://www.standrewandstalban.org.uk)  
Contact Bob Lawrie at [bob@standrewandstalban.org.uk](mailto:bob@standrewandstalban.org.uk) or Tel: 020 8857 0685 to add items.

**A very Happy Birthday to Catherine Mansary & Terry Marshall today, Janet Hughes on Tuesday 19,** & anyone celebrating Birthdays this coming week.

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