



Parish of Mottingham St Andrew with St Alban

26th September, 2021, Harvest Festival – 10am at St Andrew's & 11am at St Alban's

Opening Hymn

Introduction to worship:

The Earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

God has blessed us, but still God's children go hungry. **All: Lord have mercy.**
God has blessed us, but still the poor cry out for justice. **All: Christ have mercy.**
God has blessed us, but still we see oppression on the Earth. Lord have mercy. **All: Lord have mercy.**

Absolution

The Harvest Gifts are brought to the front of the Church.

Blessing of the Harvest Gifts.

Alleluia: *The Lord provides the fruits of the Earth in due Season.* **Alleluia.**

Gospel Reading: (Matthew 6: 25-33).

The Lord be with you. All: And also with you.
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. All: Glory to you O Lord
Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

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

Harvest Story and Reflection

Prayers for the Environment Lord in your mercy. **All: Hear our prayer**

Conclusion: **All: Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen**

The Peace The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **All: And also with you.**

Hymn

Eucharistic Prayer:

The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **All: It is right to give thanks and praise.**

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power & might, heaven & earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: All: Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer.

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

All: Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

**All: Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. (X2)
Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world. Grant us peace.**

Celebrant: God's holy gifts, for God's holy people. **All: Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

Prayer after Communion: **All: Almighty God; we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies, to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit, to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

Blessing The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

Closing Hymn & Dismissal Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **All: In the name of Christ. Amen.**_____

Notices.

Harvest Festival & Family Service: Heart-felt thanks today for your gifts of dry and packet foods for the Foodbank, which are very warmly welcome. Warmest thanks, also, to Paula Keats and Iris Miller for the lovely Harvest flower arrangements..

St Andrew's Gardening Working Party & Coffee Rota: If anybody wishes to help with getting the Church grounds in good order for Harvest and Michaelmas and wishes to volunteer for a new coffee rota, please contact Revd Ian..

Mid-week Eucharist: Wednesday 29th September, St Andrew's, 10.00 am.

Morning Prayer: Friday 1st October, 9 am, on Zoom.

Sharodiya Indian Cultural Fayre: Today, 1-4 pm, St Andrew's Hall. All welcome..

Deanery Forum, Tuesday 28th September, 7.30 for 7.45 pm at St Luke's, Eltham, on Eco issues. All welcome.

Black History Month Worship and Workshop, Saturday 2nd October, 11 am – 4 pm, Southwark Cathedral. All welcome.

Memorial Service for Elsie Hudson, Saturday 16th October, 2 pm, at St Andrew's All very welcome!

PCC Treasurer, from January 2022, and new Members for the DCC: If anybody would be interested in these roles, please contact Revd Ian.

Prayers for the sick: Pip Bampton, Tom Biro, Roger Welch, Chloe Sissons, Jim Bulford, Helen Donaldson, Baby Cody, Baby Ruby, David and Janet Hughes, Betty Walsh, Sally Edwards, Wynne Bowen, Tracey Harison, Marion Harison, Baby Niamh King, Humphrey Butts, Everest Ungar, Eve Palmer, Baby Indigo, Elizabeth Mckenzie, Mark Burkitt, Ivor and Anne Harper, John Symons, Victoria Adeniran, Mary Clotilda, Kay Ash.

We continue to hold our dear departed loved ones & friends in our prayers, In particular: John Potts, Revd Dave Warren, and all whose Year's Mind falls at this time.