

Parish of Mottingham St Andrew with St Alban

29/11/20 St Andrew's Day & Advent 1, 10.30 am

Opening Hymn & Call to worship

Kyrie Confession:

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of your kingdom. Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.** You came in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness. Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.** You will come in glory with salvation for your people. Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

Amen. **Absolution.**

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Collect Almighty God, who gave such grace to your Apostle Andrew that he readily obeyed the call of your Son Jesus Christ and brought his brother with him: call us by your holy word, and give us grace to follow you without delay and to tell the good news of your kingdom; 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: (1 Corinthians 1: 3-9)

My brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Singing of 'Alleluia': "Christ reigns in glory with wisdom and mercy, the eternal Son of the Father. Alleluia!"

Gospel Reading: (Mark 13: 24-end))

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake – for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the

evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily - Revd Ian Welch

Prayers

The Peace & Offertory Hymn

Eucharistic Prayer

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

Blessing & Closing Hymn

Notices.

Children's Society Boxes *In view of the difficult circumstances this year, I can collect your Box from church or from your house. Alternatively you could pop a cheque round to me made payable to The Children's Society. Please contact me with your preference many thanks Iris email irismilleris@hotmail.co.uk or tel 0208 488 0012.*

Diane Hudson wishes to thank everyone for their generous support for the Poppy Appeal, which raised £238.70 for the British Legion. Well done everyone!

St Andrew's Patronal Festival and Gift Day: *Sunday 29th November, Festival Eucharist, 10.30 am; a special Patronal Festival Evensong service featuring a homily by Bishop Karowei has been recorded on You-tube. Warm thanks to the Bishop and all the musicians, readers and to Beverley, and all those involved in facilitating and filming. Gift Day letters have been sent out, and your generous support for the Church's mission and ministry is warmly invited.*

Monday Zoom Bible Study with Revd Maureen Spinks, *on the minor prophets, 7.45 pm, ID 864-888-0283, Password 278331. Tomorrow's meeting will focus on Obadiah.*

Wednesday Zoom Bible Study with Revd Ian Welch. *'Reflections on the Psalms', 8 pm, ID 675-014-6024 and Password 859013.*

Morning Prayer on Zoom, Tues, & Fri, 9 am; Mid-week Communion on Zoom: *10 am Wednesday. Joining details as above.*

Private Prayers: *St Alban's, Thursdays at Noon; St Andrew's, Fridays, 10 - 11 am.*

Mottingham Foodbank. *Provisions for the food bank may be donated Mon, Thur, Fri, Sat 9.30 am – 1 pm, and Wed 6-7 pm at St Edward's Church Hall. Donations for Christmas Hampers would be greatly appreciated!.*

Prayers for the sick: *We especially remember John Potts, Pip Bampton, Jackie Ungar, Tom Biro, Christiana, Fiona Bailey-Sylvester, Rachel Stevens, Roger Welch, Revd Dave Warren, Roz Ware & Chloe Sissons,*

We continue to hold our dear departed loved ones & friends *In particular Jean Robbie, Anjali Walker, Merle Holley, Don Wharton, Alice Payne and all whose Year's Mind falls at this time.*

A very Happy Birthday to all celebrating Birthdays at this time.