

Parish of Mottingham St Andrew with St Alban

Worship Sheet for 23rd May 2021, Pentecost – The Birthday of the Church

Family Service

Opening Hymn

Introduction to worship: 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.

Come Holy Spirit All: to help us worship and glorify Jesus.

Come Holy Spirit All: to set our hearts on fire with love again.

Come Holy Spirit All: to fill our lives again and bring God's forgiveness for our sins. Absolution

Collect

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people

by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:

grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things

and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;

through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **All Amen.**

First Reading: Acts 2: 1-21.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear them speaking, each of us, in our own native language, about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

"In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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

Worship Song

Gospel Reading: (John 15: 26-27; 16: 4-15).

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

Jesus spoke to his disciples: 'When the Comforting Spirit comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will speak on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them.

'I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Comforter will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.'

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

Talk - Revd Ian Welch

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

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

Worship Song

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

The Lord's Prayer.

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.

Blessing

Closing Hymn

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

Notices.

Christian Aid Week

Read-in & Sing-in - Warmest thanks to all for their support yesterday. To donate, please go to: <https://www.standrewandstalban.org.uk> home page, scroll down to Christian Aid section, where the JustGiving page is embedded. Click on DONATE, & specify donation is for the Read-in. Thank you.

-Kay's Paper Quizzes – please do download the Quiz using the following link – we ask for a £1 donation <https://www.justgiving.com/team/MottinghamCAW2021>.

-Dawn Watts has kindly donated some of her lovely hand-made bracelets to raise money for Christian Aid, available for purchase at the rear of St Alban's on 2nd May.

-Siri's Appeal in Support of a Disabled Childrens' Home in Sri Lanka. Siri is seeking to raise funds for the Home by undertaking gardening, cleaning and odd jobs. If you wish support this project, please call Siri: 07472 449380

Diocesan Contactless Training, & advice on Virtual Fund-raising. Contact Revd Ian for the link.

Prayers for the sick: John Potts, Brian Abbot, Pip Bampton, Tom Biro, Roger Welch, Revd Dave Warren, Chloe Sissons, Ray Hole, John Symons, Jim Bulford, Helen Donaldson, Baby Cody, Baby Ruby, Mary Houlston, Jackie Ungar, Tabitha Ungar, David and Janet Hughes, Betty Walsh, Sally Edwards, Wynne Bowen, Tracey Harison, Marion Harison, Baby Niamh King, Baby Indigo, Richard Henry, Humphrey Butts.

We continue to hold our dear departed loved ones & friends in our prayers, In particular Joyce Gilbert, Jocelyn Reason, Revd Stewart Symons and all whose Year's Mind falls at this time.