

Parish of Mottingham St Andrew with St Alban

28th June 2020, Third Sunday after Trinity, 10 am

Opening Hymn & 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,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts
whereby we call you Father:
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,
that we and all creation may be brought
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;
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 (Romans 6: 12-end) Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Singing of 'Alleluia' to introduce the Gospel.

Gospel Reading: (Matt 10: 40 – end)

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

Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple - truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily - Revd Ian Welch

Prayers - Revd Anne Hoad

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.

Zoom Coffee and Chat: Do join us for a social get-together this Tuesday, 30th June, at 10.30 am with the usual ID and Password.

Dramatic Scenes, Monologues, Dance & Song in Support of the Greenwich and Bexley Community Hospice, Saturday 11th July, 7.30 pm. If you would like to join the performers or audience for this on-line fund-raiser, please contact Revd Ian. An opportunity to enjoy a lively evening of entertainment with talented performing artists in this showcase event, and to donate to a very worthy charity. The Zoom link will be sent out next weekend, and the giving link will be accessible via the parish website.

Private Prayers: St Alban's will be open for private Noon Prayer on Thursday 2nd July, and St Andrew's for private Morning Prayer on Friday 3rd July, with appropriate safety measures in place.

On-line Improvised Daily Taizé Prayer. If anyone would like to join this daily Taizé prayer group, please contact Revd Ian for the daily prayer schedule and 'Zoom' links.

St Andrew's, Mottingham Facebook page. This is now regularly updated and provides a ready link to the parish website: (<https://www.standrewandalban.org.uk>)

Children's sharing. Any children who wish are welcome to share the creative work they've done this week. Well done to all who designed & decorated the beautiful roses in honour of St Alban!

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 loved ones & friends in our prayers, and our thoughts are very much with their families at this time. In particular we remember Richard Charlton, Havelock Binns, Michelle Parker, Alan Farrer & June Littler.

A very Happy Birthday to Pat Hubbard who celebrated her 90th Birthday yesterday, and to all celebrating Birthdays at this time.