

Parish of Mottingham St Andrew with St Alban

5th July 2020, Fourth 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

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;
that with you as our ruler and guide
we may so pass through things temporal
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;
grant this, heavenly Father,
for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
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 7: 15-25)

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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

Singing of 'Alleluia' to introduce the Gospel.

Gospel Reading: (Matt 11: 16-19, 25-end)

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

At that time Jesus said, 'To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another,
"We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn."

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; the Son of Man came eating

and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.

I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily - Revd Anne Hoad

Prayers - Revd Ian Welch

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 PCC: *this Wednesday, 8th July, at 7.30 pm 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. with Zoom ID 675-014-6024 & Password 859013 & donations link <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ian-welch11?newPage=True>*

Private Prayers & Public Worship: *St Alban's will be open for private Noon Prayer on Thursday 9th July, and St Andrew's for private Morning Prayer on Friday 10th July, with appropriate safety measures in place. Plans for future public worship will be circulated following the PCC this coming Wednesday.*

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.*

Mottingham Foodbank. *Provisions for the food bank may be donated any day of the week, 9.30 am – 1 pm, at St Edward's Church Hall. If anyone is interested in volunteering at the Foodbank, contact Revd Ian.*

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, Barry Law; and Richard Welch, whose Year's Mind falls at this time.*

A very Happy Birthday to Digby Robinson , and to all celebrating Birthdays at this time.