

Parish of Mottingham St Andrew with St Alban

12th July 2020, Fifth 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). Absolution.

Collect Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
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 8: 1-11)

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law – indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

Singing of 'Alleluia' to introduce the Gospel.

Gospel Reading: (Matt 13: 1-9, 18-23)

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

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell

among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!

Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

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 PCC 1st Wednesday: The Council voted to continue with live-streaming of the Sunday Eucharist until Sunday 13 September, after which Sunday Eucharistic worship will resume in our two churches (celebrated alternately at St Andrew's and St Alban's), with simultaneous live-streaming for those who wish to continue virtual worship.

Dramatic Scenes, Monologues, Dance & Song in Support of the Greenwich and Bexley Community Hospice, Saturday 11th July, 7.30 pm. *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: *St Alban's, Thursdays, Noon-1pm; and St Andrew's, Fridays 10-11am*

On-line Improvised Daily Taizé Prayer. Zoom available via the parish website.

St Andrew's, Mottingham Facebook page. This is now regularly updated and provides a ready link to the parish website: (<https://www.standrewandstalban.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, Myrtle Merchant, and all whose Year's Mind falls at this time.*

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