

Parish of Mottingham St Andrew with St Alban

18th October 2020, St Luke, 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 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 God,
you called Luke the physician,
whose praise is in the gospel,
to be an evangelist and physician of the soul:
by the grace of the Spirit
and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel,
give your Church the same love and power to heal;
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 (2 Timothy 4: 5-17)

As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Do your best to come to me soon, for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message.

At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

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

Singing of 'Alleluia' to introduce the Gospel.

Gospel Reading: (Luke 10: 1-9)

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

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."'

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

Homily - Revd Anne Hoad

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.

Please note that in accord with the new Tier 2 guidance for outdoor meetings, gathering in groups of more than 6 is no longer permitted. It will be a challenge, but it will be necessary to follow this guidance on leaving church after Sunday services.

Harvest Festival Gifts: Warm thanks for bringing your gifts of food last week, which were collected in support of the Mottingham Foodbank.

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.

Please note Revd Anne's telephone number – 020 8297 8761, which has now reverted back to the original number.

All Saints and All Souls Memorial Service. Sunday 1st November. Format tbc.

Remembrance Day Service for 2020, Due to the fact that the Council cannot organise road closures this year, and the impossibility of ensuring social distancing, track-and-trace and adherence to the 'rule of 6' at the War Memorial, this year the Act of Remembrance will be held in the respective churches and not at the War Memorial. The service for St Andrew's will commence at 10 am, concluding with the Act of Remembrance (at St Andrew's Church) at 11 am. Arrangements for St Alban's and the other member churches of CTIM will be confirmed following the CTIM meeting on 20/10/20.

Churches Together in Mottingham Meeting: Tuesday 20th October, 3 pm, on Zoom; ID 675-014-6024; ID 859013.

Mid-week Communion: 10 am Wednesday, St Andrew's.

Church Funeral at St Andrew's for Herma Shepherd , Thursday 22nd October, at 12.30 pm. We hold Herma and all her loved ones in our thoughts and prayers at this time.

Private Prayers: St Andrew's, Fridays, 10 - 11 am. Please note, there will be no Noon Private Prayer at St Alban's this week, as Revd Ian will be conducting Herma Shepherd's Funeral at this time.

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

Children's sharing. As always, your recent creative work is warmly welcome, if you wish to share it.

Mottingham Foodbank. Provisions for the food bank may be donated Mon, Thur, & Fri 9.30 am – 1 pm, and Wed 6-7 pm at St Edward's Church Hall. If anyone is interested in volunteering at the Foodbank, contact Revd Ian.

Prayers for the sick: We especially remember Christiana, Fiona Bailey-Sylvester, Rachel Stevens, Roger Welch, & Kay Ash.

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

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