

Parish of Mottingham St Andrew with St Alban

16th August 2020, Tenth Sunday after Trinity, 10 am

We offer this Eucharist today in honour and memory of Arthur Henry Whyton.

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 Let your merciful ears, O Lord,
be open to the prayers of your humble servants;
and that they may obtain their petitions
make them to ask such things as shall please you;
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 11: 1-2a, 29-32)

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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

Singing of 'Alleluia' to introduce the Gospel.

Gospel Reading: (Matt 15: 10-28)

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

Then Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, 'Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.' Then the disciples approached and said to him, 'Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?' He answered, 'Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.' But Peter said to him, 'Explain this parable to us.' Then he said, 'Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.'

1 Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily - Revd Ian Welch

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.

Regular Groups Meeting in Church Halls: *copies of Risk Assessment plans and Public Liability Insurance documentation needs to be forwarded to Revd Ian. Please inform Revd Ian and the Churchwardens if you need to enter our churches or halls, to enable public health guidance to be followed.*

PCC Decisions: 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.

Mid-week Communion: 10 am Wednesday, on Zoom, ID: 675-014-6024; Password: 859013

Private Prayers: St Alban's, Thursdays, Noon-1pm;

St Andrew's, Fridays, No prayers this week, as Revd Ian is conducting a Funeral

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

Children's sharing. Children are warmly welcome to contribute to the 'Tate Mottingham' Summer Exhibition! – An exhibition of lovely children's art work on the St Andrew's noticeboard. Well done everyone.

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 Arthur Henry Whyton, Owen Lewin, Sylvia Mayden Fellows, Richard Charlton, Havelock Binns, and all whose Year's Mind falls at this time.

Revd Ian will be on Annual Leave from Saturday 22 August to Saturday 5 September. On-line services will be available on Sunday 23 August and Sunday 30 August, and the links will be sent out by email soon, to enable you to continue to your pattern of Sunday worship during this time.

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