

# Parish of Mottingham St Andrew with St Alban

13th Setember 2020, 14th 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 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,  
whose only Son has opened for us  
a new and living way into your presence:  
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills  
to worship you in spirit and in truth;  
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 14: 1-12)

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.'

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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

## ***Singing of 'Alleluia' to introduce the Gospel.***

## Gospel Reading: (Matt 18: 21-35)

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'

For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his

possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

*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**

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### **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 Meeting:** *In line with the Government's updated Covid-19 guidance, the PCC meeting due to be held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 7.30 pm, will now take place on Zoom. If at all possible, however, it will be good to have our APCM before the end of October, as previously planned, to avoid having to have two APCM's next year.*

**PCC Decisions:** *The Council voted to continue with live-streaming of the Sunday Eucharist until Sunday 20 September (amended date), 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. The Eucharist on Sunday 20 at St Andrew's Church at 10.30 am.*

**Mid-week Communion:** *10 am Wednesday, St Andrew's – on Zoom this week.*

**Private Prayers:** *St Alban's, Thursdays, Noon-1pm; St Andrew's, Fridays, 10 - 11 am*

**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 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.*

**Prayers for the sick:** *We offer prayers for healing for Fiona Bailey-Sylvester, Rachel Stevens, Anjali Walker, Roger Welch, & all whose needs are on our hearts and minds.*

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

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