

Parish of Mottingham St Andrew with St Alban

27th September 2020, 16th Sunday after Trinity, 10 am

We offer today's Eucharist in memory of Don Wharton and Alice Payne.

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 O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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 (Philippians 2: 1-13)

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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.

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven," he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin," we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the

prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.'

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.

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.*

Harvest Festivals: *Sunday 11 October. Please bring gifts of dry and packet food, and deposit them at the rear of the two churches. The decision whether to hold these services in church will be taken in the light of the public health situation and Covid-19 infection rate. If Sunday services are not held in church, please bring your gifts of food when the churches are open for private prayer, and they will be donated to the Mottingham Foodbank.*

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

PCC Meeting of 23rd September: *Decision taken to hold the 2020 APCM 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 Christiana, 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 Don Wharton, Alice Payne, Herma Shepherd, Arthur Henry Whyton, Owen Lewin, Sylvia Mayden Fellows, Havelock Binns, and all whose Year's Mind falls at this time.*

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