

Parish of Mottingham St Andrew with St Alban

9th August 2020, Ninth Sunday after Trinity, 10 am

We offer this Eucharist today in honour and memory of Owen Lewin.

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, who sent your Holy Spirit

to be the life and light of your Church:

open our hearts to the riches of your grace,

that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit

in love and joy and peace,

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 10: 5-15)

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart "Who will ascend into heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down) or "who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

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

Singing of 'Alleluia' to introduce the Gospel.

Gospel Reading: (Matt 14: 22-33)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you O Lord.

Immediately after feeding the crowd with the five loaves and the two fish, Jesus made the disciples get back into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking towards them on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and started to sink; he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately

reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily - Revd Anne Hoad

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 by Wed 29th July. 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, 10 – 11am

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 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 Thursday 20 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.