

# Parish of Mottingham St Andrew with St Alban

13/12/20 Advent 3, 10.30 am at St Andrew's

## Opening Hymn & Call to worship

### Kyrie Confession:

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of your kingdom. Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.** You came in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness. Christ have mercy. **Christ have mercy.** You will come in glory with salvation for your people. Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

Amen. **Absolution.**

### Lighting of the Advent Candle

**Collect** O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you:  
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries  
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way  
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,  
that at your second coming to judge the world  
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;  
for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **All Amen.**

### **First Reading: (Isaiah 61: 1-4; 8-11)**

The servant of the Lord said: The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion – to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. *This is the Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.*

**Singing of 'Alleluia':** "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight, & he will baptize with the Holy Spirit".

### **Gospel Reading: (John 1: 6-8; 19-28)**

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

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.' And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.' Then they

said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' He said,

'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness,

"Make straight the way of the Lord", as the prophet Isaiah said.

Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?' John answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.' This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

*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.**

### **Children's Society Boxes**

This year so far we have raised £403. Well done to everyone and thank you all for your continued support. Iris Miller.

***Gift Day letters have been sent out, and your generous support for the Church's mission and ministry is warmly invited. Please donate by Bank Transfer - NatWest; Sort Code 60-05-29; Account 96403543; Reference - Gift Day 2020 or Cheque - Please phone Beverley Howard Tel: 020 8857 3366 or Alison Lawrie Tel: 020 8857 0685 for details. Please make out cheques to "St Andrew's PCC", & mark those delivered to the Rectory FAO Financial Stewards. This information can also be found on the St Andrew's Day page on our website - <https://www.standrewandstalban.org.uk/st-andrews-day>***

***Monday Zoom Bible Study for Advent with Revd Maureen Spinks, , 7.45 pm, ID 864-888-0283, Password 278331.***

***Wednesday Zoom Bible Study for Advent with Revd Ian Welch. 'Reflections on the Psalms', 8 pm, ID 675-014-6024 and Password 859013.***

***Morning Prayer on Zoom, Tues, & Fri, 9 am – the Common Worship Daily Office for Advent.***

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

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

***St Andrew's Carol Service by Zoom, Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30 pm. Collection for Crisis & Kisumu Orphanage.***

***Christingle via Zoom, Sunday 20 December, 4pm. Christingle kits to be delivered! Collection for Children's Society. Please use the following giving link: <https://thyg.uk/CUS048152>***

***St Alban's Carols and Crib Service via Zoom, Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 5pm.***

***Midnight Mass, Christmas Eve, 11.30 pm at both churches, if permitted.***

***Christmas Day Family Service, 10.30 am at St Andrew's.***

***Mottingham Foodbank. Provisions for the food bank may be donated Mon, Thur, Fri, Sat 9.30 am – 1 pm, and Wed 6-7 pm at St Edward's Church Hall. Donations for Christmas Hampers would be greatly appreciated!.***

***Prayers for the sick: John Potts, Eddie Green, Brian Abbot, Pip Bampton, Jackie Ungar, Tom Biro, Christiana Ajiuya, Fiona Bailey-Sylvester, Rachel Stevens, Roger Welch, Roz Ware, Chloe Sissons & Norman Woodard.***

***We continue to hold our dear departed loved ones & friends In particular Hanna Hanbury, Jean Robbie, Anjali Walker, Merle Holley, Janet Porter, Gary Brace and all whose Year's Mind falls at this time.***