

# Parish of Mottingham St Andrew with St Alban

20/12/20 Advent 4, 10.30 am at St Alban'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** God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son:  
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,  
so we may be ready to greet him  
when he comes again as our judge;  
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 16: 25-27)** To God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith – to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! Amen.

*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: (Lule 1: 26-38)

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

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Homily - Revd Anne Hoad**

## Prayers

### The Peace & Offertory Hymn

### Eucharistic Prayer

### Blessing & Closing Hymn

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## 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.

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

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

**St Andrew's Carol Service by Zoom**, Collection for Crisis & Kisumu Orphanage. Warm thanks to the choir, to Anne Clements, our readers, and who supported this event.

**Christingle via Zoom**, Sunday 20 December, 4pm. Christingle kits have been delivered – warmest thanks to Iris and John Miller! 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.

**St John's Day Service**, Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December, 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. Warm thanks to all who helped with packing and delivering Christmas Hampers.

**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.