

# Parish of Mottingham St Andrew with St Alban

Christmas Eve, Midnight Mass, 11.30 pm & Christmas Day Family Service

10.30 am on Zoom, ID 675-014-6024, Password 859013

Opening Carol & Call to worship: *The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light!*

## Kyrie Confession:

Lord Jesus, you were born for our salvation.

Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

You came as Saviour to bring wholeness and peace.

Christ have mercy. **Christ**

**have mercy.**

You come to bring light into the darkness of our lives.

Lord

have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

Amen. **Absolution.**

## Lighting of the Christmas Candle

Collect Almighty God,

you make us glad with the yearly remembrance

of the birth of your Son Jesus Christ:

grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our redeemer,

so we may with sure confidence behold him

when he shall come to be 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: (Isaiah 9: 2-3 & 6-7)** The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;

authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named

Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace

for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

*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".

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.*

**All: Glory to you O Lord.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. 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. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

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

**Gospel Reading: (Luke 2: 1-20) – For Christmas Day**

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

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, O Christ.*

**Homily - Revd Ian Welch**

**Prayers**

**The Peace & Offertory Carol**

**Eucharistic Prayer**

**Blessing & Closing Carol**

**A very blessed and joyful Christmas and a happy, healthy and safe New Year to you and your loved ones!**

**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. If you wish to donate to the Children's Society, the link is: <https://thyg.uk/CUS048152>*

**Christmas Day Family Service**, 10.30 am at St Andrew's, do bring a favourite present to show, if you wish! A very happy Birthday to Revd Stephanie and Mary Houlston!

**St John's Day Service**, Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December, 10.30 am, on Zoom.

**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.