

Parish of Mottingham St Andrew with St Alban

3rd Sunday of Easter – 18th April, 2021, 10.30 am – St Alban's/Zoom

Alleluia Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Opening Hymn & Call to worship: *(The hymns are sung by our Cantor, Jack Day).*

Kyrie Confession:

Like Mary at the empty tomb, we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence. Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**
Like the disciples behind locked doors, we are afraid to be seen as your
followers. Christ have mercy. **Christ have mercy.** Like Thomas in the upper
room, we are slow to believe. Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

Amen. **Absolution.**

The Gloria is Sung by the Cantor.

Collect: Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
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: (Acts 3: 12-19)

12Peter addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? 13The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. 14But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, 15and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. 16And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

17'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. 18In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. 19Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.'

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

Alleluia: "Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

The Lord be with you. All: And also with you.

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

Gospel Reading: (Luke 24: 36 - 48)

While the eleven and their companions were talking about what they had heard, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' 37They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. 38He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? 39Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' 40And when he had said this, he showed them his hands

and his feet. 41While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' 42They gave him a piece of broiled fish, 43and he took it and ate in their presence.

44Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you - that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' 45Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, 46and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, 47and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48You are witnesses of these things.'

*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

Notices.

A very Happy and Blessed Easter Season to all!

Fourth Sunday of Easter, 25th April, 10.30 am, United Eucharist & APCM at St Andrew's, also on Zoom.

Midweek Eucharist this Wednesday, 21st April, 10 am, St Andrew's

Stewardship and Giving: "For the past months we have been unable to give our collection money whilst meeting for services on Zoom. However, the church still has expenses to pay, so please could we ask for donations to be made either by direct bank transfer, using the sort code 60-05-29, account number 96403543, and using your name as a reference, or by JustGiving through the Donate button to be found on the church website www.standrewandstalban.org.uk Thank you - your generosity is much appreciated."

Eucharist and APCM for 2020 & 2021, 25th April, 2021, St Andrews, Service to begin at 10 am, followed by the APCM at 11.15 am, in Church (socially distanced), and also on Zoom. Warmest thanks to all who have submitted reports for both 2020 and 2021 and to Imogen for all of her hard work on collating them, and producing Minutes and Agendas. These are currently being circulated, and you should receive them soon, if you haven't already done so.

Christian Aid Week, 9-16th May. Please contact Diane Hudson, if you have any fund-raising projects in mind. Sue & Mick's Christian Aid Quiz, on Zoom, Friday 14th May; Read-in & Sing-in on Zoom, Saturday 22nd May, Noon to 6 pm, on Zoom.

Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Initiative from Ascension to Pentecost, 13-23 May, 2021. Daily prayers will be offered for the persecuted and hidden churches in North Korea, Syria, Sudan, Nigeria, China, Afghanistan, and Sri Lanka. Special services of Morning and Evening Prayer will be held during this period. Full details to be published soon.

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.

Prayers for the sick: John Potts, Brian Abbot, Pip Bampton, Jackie Ungar, Tom Biro, Fiona Bailey-Sylvester, Roger Welch, Revd Dave Warren, Roz Ware, Chloe Sissons, Ray Hole, John Symons, Jim Bulford, Helen Donaldson, Baby Cody, Baby Ruby, Peggy Richards, Mary Houlston, Tabitha Ungar, David and Janet Hughes, Betty Walsh, Sally Edwards, Wynne Bowen, Tracey Harison, Marion Harison, Baby Niamh King.

We continue to hold our dear departed loved ones & friends in our prayers, In particular Joyce Gilbert, Jocelyn Reason, Gill Emm, Helen McDonnell, George Bragg, Caroline Dumonteuil, Prince Phillip and all whose Year's Mind falls at this time.