

Parish of Mottingham St Andrew with St Alban

Second Sunday of Lent – 28th February, 2021, 10.30 am

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

Opening Hymn & Call to worship:

Kyrie Confession:

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin. Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.** Make me a clean heart O Lord, and renew a right spirit within me Christ have mercy. **Christ have mercy.** Cast me not from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

Amen. **Absolution.**

Collect: Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things
that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
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 4: 13-25) 13The promise that Abraham would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. 14If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. 15For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

16For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, 17as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations'). Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. 18Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations,' according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' 19He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. 20No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, 21being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. 22Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' 23Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him,' were written not for his sake alone, 24but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in God who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, 25who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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

Alleluia: Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory. The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice.

Gospel Reading: (Mark 8: 31-38)

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

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

31Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. 32He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

34He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 35For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. 36For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? 37Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? 38Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

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

Homily - Revd Ian Welch

Prayers - Tessa Andrew

The Peace & Offertory Hymn

Eucharistic Prayer

Blessing & Closing Hymn

Notices.

Telephone Numbers for Covid-19 Vaccinations. 0204 542 8288; & for Guy's Hospital: 0207 188 4040.

Service for Third Sunday in Lent, Sunday 7th March, 2021, 10.30 am, on Zoom.

Evening Prayer, Thursday 4th March, 5 pm, on Zoom.

Morning Prayer, Friday 5th March, 9 am, on Zoom.

Service for the World Day of Prayer, Friday 5th March, 5 pm, on Zoom; joining details given out later. If anyone would like a copy of the service booklet for the Service, please let Diane Hudson know on 0208 857 0953. Diane is happy to deliver booklets or post them for those who are a long way away.

Lent Course for 2021, Tuesday 2nd March, 8 pm. This year's course is based on the new book, "After Life...Afterlife?" by John Symons. Books can be purchased direct from Shephard-Walwyn Publishers' website. Let me know if you wish to do this, and I will give you the code to obtain a 10% discount.

Bishop Christopher's Lent Appeal for 2021, is in favour of food poverty projects in Southwark Diocese, and in the link Dioceses of Zimbabwe and Jerusalem. Ideas for supporting the Appeal are warmly welcome. The Lent Call material has been published and can be found on the Diocesan website at <https://southwark.anglican.org/lentcall> The projects are:

- **Week 1: The Croydon Episcopal Area - St Matthew, Redhill Food Bank**
- **Week 2: The Kingston Episcopal Area – The Wandsworth Foodbank and Norwood & Brixton Food Bank**
- **Week 3: The Woolwich Episcopal Area – LewCas and Lunchbox Library**
- **Week 4: Projects in the Link Dioceses - Various food projects and agricultural projects in our four Link Dioceses in Zimbabwe**
- **Week 5: Jerusalem Diocese - A feeding programme for families in need.**

MAP (Mission Action Plan) Initiative. Support for the Greenwich and Bexley Community Hospice. A fund-raising auction in support of GBCH will be held on Zoom on Saturday 20th March, 7.30 pm. Items for auction warmly welcome. Please keep items at home, to be shown on Zoom on the day.

Diocesan Lay Conference for 2021. Saturday 6th March. Full details available for all who are interested. Please contact Revd Ian.

A morning to explore Franciscan community life in the Church of England, Saturday 20 March, 9.30am – 1.00pm, Zoom. Life as a Franciscan Sister or Brother... could this be for me? Franciscan sisters and brothers share their stories of God's call and their life in community, alongside a film about Franciscans today to help us reflect, with opportunities for discussion and time for your questions. **Booking essential:** contact Sister Maureen noviceguardianscf@franciscans.org.uk

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, Eddie Green, Brian Abbot, Pip Bampton, Jackie Ungar, Tom Biro, Christiana Ajiuya, Fiona Bailey-Sylvester, Rachel Stevens, Roger Welch, Revd Dave Warren, Roz Ware, Chloe Sissons, Ray Hole, John Symons, John Bulford, Jim Bulford, Helen Donaldson, Baby Cody, Gill Emm, Baby Ruby, Baby Indigo, Peggy Richards, Mary Houlston, Ann Pilcher, Tabitha Ungar

We continue to hold our dear departed loved ones & friends in our prayers, In particular Joan Lawley, Jocelyn Reason, Margaret Spong, David Pilcher, Panagiotis Yalliourou and all whose Year's Mind falls at this time.