

Parish of Mottingham St Andrew with St Alban

Mothers' Sunday – 14th March, 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: Heavenly Father, we give thanks on this holy occasion of Mothers' Sunday for our Mothers, and for all the gifts of family love, care, compassion and nurture. We give thanks also for love you give to all your creation, and for the many gifts you bestow upon us, especially the uniting gift of love. May these gifts of love, caring and gentleness grow and deepen in all our lives, and in the world in which we live. Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, by whom and with whom and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, Almighty Father, forever and ever. **All: Amen.**

First Reading: (Colossians 3: 12-17) As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly: teach and admonish one another in all wisdom: and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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

Alleluia: *Blessed are those who have love in their hearts; they share in the life of the heavenly Three.*

Gospel Reading: (Luke 2: 33-35)

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.

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about Jesus. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

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

Homily - Revd Ian Welch

Prayers

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 Passion Sunday, Sunday 21st March, 2021, 10.30 am, on Zoom.

Mid-week Eucharist, Wednesday 17th March, 10 am, on Zoom.

Evening Prayer, Thursday 18th March, 5 pm, on Zoom.

Morning Prayer, Friday 19th March, 9 am, on Zoom.

Lent Course for 2021, Tuesday 9th 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.

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. **ITEMS URGENTLY NEEDED!**

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."

Electoral Roll: Please note that this due to be revised in two weeks time (28/3/21), so please let me know if you wish to make any amendments to this, and I will notify our Electoral Roll Officers, Janet Akehurst and Pat Hubbard.

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, David and Janet Hughes, Betty Walsh.

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, Ethel Crook and all whose Year's Mind falls at this time.