

Parish of Mottingham St Andrew with St Alban

Pew Sheet for St John's-tide, 27th December, 2020, 10.30 am

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

Opening Carol & Call to worship: *The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it!*

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.**

Collect Merciful Lord,
cast your bright beams of light upon the Church:
that, being enlightened by the teaching
of your blessed apostle and evangelist Saint John,
we may so walk in the light of your truth
that we may at last attain to the light of everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ your incarnate 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: (1 John 2: 1-11) My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Now by this we may be sure that we know him, if we obey his commandments. Whoever says, 'I have come to know him', but does not obey his commandments, is a liar, and in such a person the truth does not exist; but whoever obeys his word, truly in this person the love of God has reached perfection. By this we may be sure that we are in him: whoever says, 'I abide in him', ought to walk just as he walked.

Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you have had from the beginning; the old commandment is the word that you have heard. Yet I am writing you a new commandment that is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. Whoever says, 'I am in the light', while hating a brother or sister, is still in the darkness. Whoever loves a brother or sister lives in the light, and in such a person there is no cause for stumbling. But whoever hates another believer is in the darkness, walks in the darkness, and does not know the way to go, because the darkness has brought on blindness.

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

Singing of 'Alleluia': "The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son".

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

Gospel Reading: (John 21: 19-25)

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After this Jesus said to Peter, 'Follow me.'

Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, 'Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?' When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, 'Lord, what about him?' Jesus said to him, 'If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!' So the rumour spread in the community that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, 'If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?'

This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

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 happy, healthy and bless New Year to you and your loved ones!

Notices.

Christmas Homilies. *These can be accessed via the Church What's App groups, the website and the St Andrew's Facebook page.*

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>

Service for the New Year and Epiphany, Sunday 3rd January, 2021, 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.