

**COLLECT**

Eternal Father,  
 whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to  
 the throne of heaven  
 that he might rule over all things as  
 Lord and King;  
 keep the Church in the unity of the  
 Spirit  
 and in the bond of peace,  
 and bring the whole created order to  
 worship at his feet;  
 who is alive and reigns with you,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever.

**FIRST READING**

**Jeremiah 23:1-6**

*A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.*

Woe to the shepherds who destroy  
 and scatter the sheep of my pasture!  
 says the LORD. Therefore thus says the  
 LORD, the God of Israel, concerning  
 the shepherds who shepherd my  
 people: It is you who have scattered  
 my flock, and have driven them away,  
 and you have not attended to them. So  
 I will attend to you for your evil doings,  
 says the LORD. Then I myself will  
 gather the remnant of my flock out of  
 all the lands where I have driven them,  
 and I will bring them back to their fold,  
 and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I  
 will raise up shepherds over them who  
 will shepherd them, and they shall not  
 fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor  
 shall any be missing, says the LORD.  
 The days are surely coming, says the  
 LORD, when I will raise up for David a  
 righteous Branch, and he shall reign as  
 king and deal wisely, and shall execute  
 justice and righteousness in the land. In  
 his days Judah will be saved and Israel  
 will live in safety. And this is the name  
 by which he will be called: "The LORD  
 is our righteousness."

**PSALM Psalm 46**

**R** *The Lord of hosts is with us;  
 the God of Jacob is our stronghold.*

God is our refuge and strength,  
 a very present help in trouble;

Therefore we will not fear, though the  
 earth be moved,  
 and though the mountains tremble in  
 the heart of the sea; **R**

Though the waters rage and swell,  
 and though the mountains quake at  
 the towering seas.

There is a river whose streams make  
 glad the city of God,  
 the holy place of the dwelling of the  
 Most High. **R**

God is in the midst of her;  
 therefore shall she not be removed;  
 God shall help her at the break of day.  
 The nations are in uproar and the  
 kingdoms are shaken,  
 but God utters his voice and the earth  
 shall melt away. **R**

Come and behold the works of the  
 Lord,  
 what destruction he has wrought upon  
 the earth.  
 He makes wars to cease in all the  
 world;  
 he shatters the bow and snaps the  
 spear  
 and burns the chariots in the fire.  
 "Be still, and know that I am God;  
 I will be exalted among the nations;  
 I will be exalted in the earth." **R**

**SECOND READING**

**Colossians 1:11-20**

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.*

Brothers and sisters: May you be made  
 strong with all the strength that comes  
 from his glorious power, and may you  
 be prepared to endure everything with  
 patience, while joyfully giving thanks  
 to the Father, who has enabled you to  
 share in the inheritance of the saints in  
 the light. He has rescued us from the  
 power of darkness and transferred us  
 into the kingdom of his beloved Son,  
 in whom we have redemption, the  
 forgiveness of sins. He is the image  
 of the invisible God, the firstborn of  
 all creation; for in him all things in  
 heaven and on earth were created,  
 things visible and invisible, whether  
 thrones or dominions or rulers or  
 powers – all things have been created

through him and for him. He himself is  
 before all things, and in him all things  
 hold together. He is the head of the  
 body, the church; he is the beginning,  
 the firstborn from the dead, so that  
 he might come to have first place in  
 everything. For in him all the fullness of  
 God was pleased to dwell, and through  
 him God was pleased to reconcile to  
 himself all things, whether on earth or  
 in heaven, by making peace through  
 the blood of his cross.

**GOSPEL Luke 23:33-43**

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.*

When they came to the place that is  
 called The Skull, they crucified Jesus  
 there with the criminals, one on his  
 right and one on his left. Then Jesus  
 said, "Father, forgive them; for they do  
 not know what they are doing." And  
 they cast lots to divide his clothing.  
 And the people stood by, watching;  
 but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,  
 "He saved others; let him save himself  
 if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen  
 one!" The soldiers also mocked him,  
 coming up and offering him sour wine,  
 and saying, "If you are the King of the  
 Jews, save yourself!" There was also an  
 inscription over him, "This is the King  
 of the Jews." One of the criminals who  
 were hanged there kept deriding him  
 and saying, "Are you not the Messiah?  
 Save yourself and us!" But the other  
 rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear  
 God, since you are under the same  
 sentence of condemnation? And we  
 indeed have been condemned justly,  
 for we are getting what we deserve  
 for our deeds, but this man has done  
 nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus,  
 remember me when you come into  
 your kingdom." Jesus replied, "Truly  
 I tell you, today you will be with me in  
 Paradise."

**POST COMMUNION**

Stir up, O Lord,  
 the wills of your faithful people;  
 that they, plenteously bringing forth  
 the fruit of good works,  
 may by you be plenteously rewarded;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Sunday. The Revised Common Lectionary is copyright © the Consultation on Common Texts, 1992. The Christian Year: Calendar, Lectionary and Collects, 1997, which includes The Common Worship Lectionary (the Church of England's adaptations of the Revised Common Lectionary, published as the Principal Service Lectionary) and the compilation of Collects and Post Communion Prayers, is copyright © The Archbishops' Council, and material from it is reproduced with permission. Bible readings from NRSV published by Mowbray and used by permission. All rights reserved. Copyright © Redemptorist Publications Wolf's Lane Chawton Hampshire GU34 3HQ. A Registered Charity limited by guarantee. Registered in England 3261721. www.rpbooks.co.uk Email rp@rpbooks.co.uk



## The Parish of Mottingham, St Andrew w St. Alban

### ST. ALBAN CHURCH. Notices 24<sup>th</sup> November 2019 (Christ the King Sunday)

|  |   |
|--|---|
| <p><b>Welcome</b><br/>Welcome to St. Alban's Church. If this is your first time here, please let us know – we would love to welcome you.</p> <p><b>Alpha Sunday</b> – today we focus on how the Bible is relevant to us.</p>   | <p><b>Service today</b> 11.00 am – Eucharist<br/><b>24/11/19 Sun.</b><br/><b>8/12/19</b><br/>Celebrant – Rev. Tim Rev.<br/>Tim<br/>Preacher -- Rev. Tim<br/>Reader – Philippa<br/>Sabrina<br/>Prayers – Kay<br/>Philipa<br/>Chalice – Kay<br/>Kay<br/>Offertory – Anna<br/>Yetunde<br/>Side Person- Rita<br/>Anna</p> |
| <p><b>This week diary</b><br/>Rev. Anne grp. St. Alban's Tbc<br/>DCC meeting 19/01/2020</p>  | <p><b>Our Hymns today</b><br/>Processional 408<br/>Gradual 580<br/>Offertory 195<br/>Recessional 137</p>  |
| <p><b>Diary dates</b></p> <p>St Andrew Patronal festival 1/12/19, <b>NO service at St. Alban's Christmas services, see separate sheet.</b></p>   | <p><b>Parish information/ notices</b><br/>St. Andrew's Christmas fayre 30/11/19 – 11- 2.30pm<br/>Ecumenical choir for Choral service 19/12/19, 6-7.30pm, St. Andrew's</p>   |
| <p><b>Prayers for the sick</b><br/>Pauline &amp; Allen Bryant, Daphne Shaw, Ian Holland, Humphrey Butt, Victoria Adeniran, Gilbert Olubodun, Peggy Warren,<br/><b>House bound (age &amp; infirmities)</b><br/>Joan Brooks, May Locker, Alice Payne, and Kathleen Crossley.</p> | <p><b>Recently departed</b><br/>Geoffrey Bond, Pauline Adnett,</p>  |

