



# Welcome to St Alban's

## Mothering Sunday

OPENING HYMN *Sue McClellan, John Pac, Keith Rycroft © 1974 Kingsway's Thankyou Music.*

**1. Colours of day dawn into the mind,  
the sun has come up,  
the night is behind.  
go down in the city,  
into the street,  
and let's give the message  
to the people we meet.**

*So light up the fire and let the flame burn,  
open the door, let Jesus return.  
Take seeds of his Spirit, let the fruit grow,  
tell the people of Jesus, let his love show.*

**2. Go through the park,  
on into the town;  
the sun still shines on,  
it never goes down.  
The light of the world is risen again;  
the people of darkness  
are needing a friend.**

**3. Open your eyes,  
look into the sky,  
the darkness has come,  
the sun came to die.  
The evening draws on,  
the sun disappears,  
but Jesus is living,  
his Spirit is near.**

† In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you**

### CONFESSION

God be gracious to us and bless us,  
and make your face shine upon us:  
Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

May your ways be known on the earth,  
your saving power among the nations:  
Christ, have mercy.

**All Christ, have mercy.**

You, Lord, have made known your salvation,  
and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:  
Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ  
our Lord. **Amen.**

### THE COLLECT (THE SPECIAL PRAYER FOR TODAY)

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and  
hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please sit for the first reading*

Exodus 2.1-10

*After the reading...This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God*

*Stand to sing the Gradual Hymn: John Newton (1725-1807),*

**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me;  
I once was lost, but now I'm found,  
was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear,  
the hour I first believed!**

**Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.**

THE GOSPEL READING – John 19.25b-27

THE TALK

*After the talk we stand to DECLARE OUR FAITH*

**We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen**

## OUR PRAYERS

*At the end of the prayers we say together:*

**Merciful Father, accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

## THE PEACE

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. We meet in the name of Christ and we share his peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN: *Fanny J. Crosby (1820-1915)*

**One more step along the world I go,  
One more step along the world I go,  
From the old things to the new  
Keep me travelling along with you.  
*And it's from the old I travel to the new,  
Keep me travelling along with You.***

**Round the corners of the world I turn,  
More and more about the world I learn.  
And the new things that I see  
You'll be looking at along with me.  
*And it's from the old I travel to the new,  
Keep me travelling along with You.***

**As I travel through the bad and good  
Keep me travelling the way I should.  
Where I see no way to go  
You'll be telling me the way, I know.  
*And it's from the old I travel to the new,  
Keep me travelling along with You.***

**Give me courage when the world is rough,  
Keep me loving though the world is tough.  
Leap and sing in all I do,  
Keep me travelling along with you.  
*And it's from the old I travel to the new,  
Keep me travelling along with You.***

**You are older than the world can be,  
You are younger than the life in me.  
Ever old and ever new,  
Keep me travelling along with you.  
*And it's from the old I travel to the new,  
Keep me travelling along with You.***

#### THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Open the heavens Lord our God, and pour your Spirit upon us and on these gifts.

#### THE EUCHARIST

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise**

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,  
almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son.  
For in these forty days you lead us into the desert of repentance  
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline  
we may grow in grace and learn to be your people once again.  
Through fasting, prayer and acts of service  
you bring us back to your generous heart.

Through study of your holy word you open our eyes  
to your presence in the world and free our hands  
to welcome others into the radiant splendour of your love.  
As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast  
with joyful hearts and minds  
we bless you for your mercy and join with saints and angels  
for ever praising you and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy, holy**  
**Lord of power, Lord of might.**  
**Heav'n and earth are filled with glory.**  
**Sing hosanna evermore.**

**Blest and holy, blest and holy,**  
**He who comes from God on high**  
**Raise your voices, sing his glory,**  
**Praise his name for evermore.**

*Israeli Mass, Anthony Hamson*

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread  
and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them  
and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
Do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again, he praised you,  
gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new  
covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with  
confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.  
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith

**Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Alban and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

As our Saviour taught us so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name;**

**Your kingdom come, your will be done;**

**on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory, are yours,**

**now and for ever. AMEN**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ

**Though we are many, we are one body,**

**because we all share in one bread.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin, the sin of all the world.**

**Give us mercy, give us mercy, give us mercy Lamb of God. (repeat)**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin, the sin of all the world. Grant us**

**peace Lord, grant us peace Lord, grant us peace O Lamb of God.**

*Israeli Mass, Anthony Hamson*

*Invitation to communion*

God's holy gifts, for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father**

*All baptised Christians who receive communion in their own churches are welcome to receive communion. Any member of the congregation may come to receive a blessing*

COMMUNION HYMN: *Bob Gillman © 1977 Kingsway's Thankyou Music*

***Bind us together, Lord,  
bind us together  
with cords that cannot be broken.  
Bind us together, Lord,  
bind us together,  
bind us together with love.***

**There is only one God,  
there is only one King;  
there is only one Body,  
that is why we sing:**

**Made for the glory of God,  
purchased by His precious Son;  
born with the right to be clean,  
for Jesus the victory has won.**

**You are the family of God,  
you are the promise divine;  
you are God's chosen desire,  
you are the glorious new wine.**

*Prayer after Communion*

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ. Through Him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen**

## THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing;  
and the blessing..... **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

### CLOSING HYMN: *Traditional*

**Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,  
give me joy in my heart I pray.**

**Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising.**

**Keep me praising till the end of day.**

***Sing hosanna! Sing Hosanna!***

***Sing hosanna to the King of Kings!***

***Sing hosanna! Sing Hosanna!***

***Sing hosanna to the King!***

**Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting,  
give me peace in my heart I pray.**

**Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting.**

**Keep me resting till the end of day.**

**Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,  
give me love in my heart, I pray.**

**Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,**

**keep me serving 'till the end of day.**

**Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,  
give me oil in my lamp, I pray.**

**Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,**

**keep me burning 'till the end of day.**

*Everyone is warmly invited to stay for refreshments after the service.*

*If you are new or just visiting please feel welcomed as one of the family.*

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## **FOR OUR PRAYERS:**

The Parish: *Wesley Close, Wisborough Court and Wiston Court,  
Woldhurstlea Close*

Prayers for: *Alistair and Marcia, Sophie Baker, Judith Aldridge, Emma Perry, Eslin, Douglas, Fran, Linda Ballard, John Romaine, Peter Hill, Kerry, Gordon, June, Keith Ford, Rose, Julie, Liam, Cruse, Robert and Janette*

The Departed: *Edna Barnett, Stan Norris and Maurice*

Year's Mind: *Leonard Chapman, Mary Millar and Gerald Barnard*

**Church Flowers Donation List.** Any person who would like to donate towards the cost of church flowers in memory of a loved one or to celebrate an anniversary or birthday, please put the relevant details on the list provided at the back of the church. Please give your donation to Sue Richardson (Treasurer) or Revd. Ann in a Flower Donation envelope.

**Lent Lunches.** Do join us for Lent Lunches on Thursdays in the church hall at 12 noon. We do need a couple more people to lead these, that is making the soup etc. Many thanks to Sarah and Alan for hosting last Thursday's. Proceeds will go to Open House. Merle

**Computer Group.** Why not come along to our friendly computer group in the Church Hall - Tuesdays from 10 am, Wednesdays from 10.30 am. **We need more helpers** with this group. You don't need to be an expert, just prepared to be a friendly support. Could you help by sharing your computer skills? Please speak to Ann.

**Traidcraft-** Please note that Traidcraft have had financial and trading issues and are no longer able to sell us our usual range of produce and goods. For that reason, we will be aiming to sell off all our products by Easter. Please come and buy from us in the next few weeks so that St Alban's can benefit from our final

sales. There will be a few Easter Eggs for early customers plus a reduced range of products. **All must go – Hurry, Hurry, Hurry.**

**House Group.** This friendly group now meets at St Alban's on Friday mornings at 10 am for a time of sharing, prayer and study. New members are welcome: more details from Madeleine.

**Mothers Union** – Book Club Session at 182 Buckswood Drive (Mary Eastman's House) **Monday Next 1<sup>st</sup> April at 1.30 pm.** We will be discussing the book "God's Smuggler" (Brother Andrew of Open Doors life story). Open to all. If you would like to come but haven't read the book, there will be copies available plus a synopsis to follow the discussion. Those who have read it say it is a very inspiring story. **Come and join us.**

If you were unable to make either of the **House Groups** offered by the Parish this year please note that Sarah and I have restarted our House Group this Lent. It will meet on Thursdays at 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm at our home, Monkshood, Old Horsham Road (next to St Wilfred's School). Each week will be a standalone session so you don't need to worry if you miss any. The final week will be a Taizé service followed by a buffet supper. If you can't make anything else you will be welcome to the service and supper. Please let us know if you would like to come to any of the sessions (Dates: Thursdays 4th April, Taizé -Thursday 11th April). Thank you Alan and Sarah Magrath (Tel 01293 512604).

Notice of Parish **APCM 7<sup>th</sup> April at 11 am** (after the morning service). Please stay on to hear about what the parish has been doing over the past year as well as electing our Parish Wardens and new PCC members.

**Bishop Martin** will be visiting the Deanery on 8/9/10 April. There will be a special Deanery Synod meeting which is open to everyone on Monday 8th April at Holy Trinity School Crawley 7.30 pm for an 8 pm start, refreshments will be available. Please do come to this meeting if at all possible as the Bishop would like to meet as many people as he can during his Visitation.

**Easter Lilies.** Sign up at the back of church to buy a lily at £3 in memory of a loved one. Please leave the money in the pot. Also contributions to Easter flowers can be placed in the flower box.

As you may have heard, Rev'd Simon Newham will be leaving for a new post as vicar of Brockenhurst in the New Forest. His last service will be on **28th April at**

**11 am at St Margaret's.** We would like to give him a leaving gift to say 'thank you' for all he has done for St Alban's over the years (as the Rector for many years). If you would like to donate please give your donation to Caroline Edwards (Parish Warden).

**Simon's Licensing Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June at Brockenhurst.** Simon's new parish have asked us to tell them the number of parishioners who are expecting to attend Simon's licensing on the Thursday evening so that they can make arrangements for seating and a reception after the service. Please give Mave, in the parish office, your names if you plan to attend and also indicate if you would like a seat on the coach we plan to run if there are sufficient numbers.

REGULAR SERVICES AT ST ALBAN'S  
*Everyone is very welcome*

**SUNDAY'S SERVICES:**

Sung Eucharist 9:30am weekly

'Out of the Box' family worship on 2nd Sunday of each month 11.15 to 12 noon

**WEEKDAY SERVICES:**

Said Eucharist (Thursday 9:30am) Followed by Community Morning 10am-12pm

Morning Prayer 9am Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

Saturday Prayers 9am on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month

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