



Welcome to St Alban's Church

Trinity 6

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OPENING HYMN *J.M. Scriven (1819-1886)*

**1. What a friend we have in Jesus
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer.
O what peace we often forfeit!
O what needless pain we bear!
All because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.**

**2. Have we trials and temptations,
is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged,
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**3. Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Saviour, still our refuge,
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
in his arms he'll take and shield you,
you will find a solace there.**

We are gathered together as one body

† 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.

Before the children leave for Children's Church we pray together....

**Dear God, this church is a family.
Help us to learn together, to worship together,
to share together and to pray together.
In Jesus name. Amen.**

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Lord God, our maker and our redeemer,
your people come before you to confess our sin

**Lord our God,
in our sin we have avoided your call.
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us;
deliver us from judgement;
bind up our wounds and revive us;
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you † pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in life eternal. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

GLORIA

**Glory to God, glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.
Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Glory to God, glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**Glory to God, glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Glory to God, glory to God, Glory to God in the highest**

THE COLLECT (The special prayer of the day)

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such
love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things,
may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with
you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 18. 20-32

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Colossians 2.6-15

THE GRADUAL HYMN: *Karen Lafferty ©1972 Maranatha! Music. Administered by Copycare*

**Seek ye first the Kingdom of God,
and his righteousness,
and all these things
shall be added unto you;
allelu, alleluia.**

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
allelu, alleluia.*

**Ask and it shall be given unto you,
seek and ye shall find;
knock and it shall be opened unto you;
allelu, alleluia.**

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
allelu, alleluia.*

THE GOSPEL – Luke 11. 1-13

We sing....Alleluia, alleluia; alleluia, alleluia

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you O God

*After the reading...*This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ

THE SERMON

THE APOSTLES CREED *Please stand if you are able*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord, in your mercy...**hear our prayer.**

At the end of the prayers we say together: **Merciful Father, accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

THE PEACE. *Please stand if you are able*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN: *Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)*

**1. God is love; his the care,
tending each, everywhere;
God is love--all is there!
Jesus came to show him,
that we all might know him:**

*Sing aloud, loud, loud;
sing aloud, loud, loud:
God is good, God is truth,
God is beauty--praise him!*

**2. None can see God above;
Humankind we can love;
Thus may we Godward move,
Finding God in others,
Sisters all, and brothers.**

**3. Jesus shared all our pain,
lived and died, rose again,
rules our hearts, now as then,
for he came to save us
by the truth he gave us:**

**4. To our Lord praise we sing,
light and life, friend and king,
coming down love to bring,
pattern for our duty,
showing God in beauty:**

THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Blessed are you....

(Response) **Blessed be God forever**

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

Father, you made the world and love your creation.
You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.
His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.
And so we gladly thank you,
with saints and angels praising you, and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

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.

And 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 of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace**

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

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: *Edwin Hatch (1835-1889).*

**1. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew;
that I may love what thou dost love
and do what thou wouldst do.**

**2. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure;
until with thee I will one will,
to do and to endure.**

**3. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine;
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.**

**4. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.**

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of 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 love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself,
the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service,
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts.;
and the blessing ...

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. Amen

CLOSING HYMN *Traditional*

**1. 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!***

**2. 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.**

**3. 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.**

**4. 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**

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FOR OUR PRAYERS:

The Parish: *Tussock Close, Twyne Close and Vanbrugh Close,
Trent Close and Wenlock Close*

Prayers for: *Alistair and Marcia, Sophie Baker, Judith Aldridge, Emma Perry, Eslin, Douglas, Fran, Linda Ballard, John Romaine, Peter Hill, Kerry, Gordon, June, Rose, Julie, Liam, Cruse, Jayne, Freddie, Mark Parsons, John, Robert, Janette, Sheila and family, Barbara Britt, Neal, Seamus, Stan and Rose, Ruth Ganz, Roger Gibson, Sylvia Flatt and David, Brian, Andy, Mary Louise, Bridgette and Jack*

The Departed: *Reynold*

Year's Mind: *Charlie Ellis and Stanley Townrow*

Ken Graham has resigned as the Parish Warden of Gossops Green and Bewbush. We would like to thank him for all the work he has done as warden over the past two years.

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.

Computer Group. Why not come along to our friendly computer group in the Church Hall - Tuesdays from 10 am, Wednesdays from 10.30 am.

House Group. The Friday house group that meets in St Alban's will break for the summer on 19th July and start again on September 6th.

The Cornerstone Café at St Andrew's Church in Furnace Green

currently has fantastic opportunities for paid cooks to join their team. We are open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays during term time and there are different shifts available, including 8.00 am - 9.30 am or 9.30 am - 2.30 pm or 8 am - 2.30 pm. You do not need to have formal chefs or catering training but a passion for cooking and experience of cooking for larger numbers is a must. If you are interested please send your CV to Rachel Lashwood, the Cafe Manager, at cornerstone@standrewsfg.com.

Giving by credit/debit card. St Alban's has a card read for donations and giving. If you would prefer to use your credit/debit card rather than use cash to give to the church please feel free to make use of this after the service or during the collections. It will be available every week at the end of Sunday services and at all fund raising events.

Children Society Boxes. It is now time to hand in your box from now but during August if you should be away at the present. Thank you Merle.

Alpha at St Alban's will take place on Monday evenings beginning on 7th October. There will be more information and sign-up sheets appearing soon. We need some helpers to help serve the meal. If you would like to volunteer to help please let Ann know.

Up-coming Fun & Fund-raising events:

Sunday 4th August Cream Tea from 3 pm – 5 pm; tickets now on sale £5 adult, £2.50 children under 12.

Friday 9th August 'Music for a Summers Evening' 7.30 pm - 10.00 pm. Hannah Ford (and friends) will entertain with a range of songs. Tickets £10 in advance or may be available on the door. Nibbles and Drinks available for donation or you can bring your own.

Advance notice:

"One more step along the way we go" ...a sponsored walkathon over the school holidays...more information to follow. Get out, get fit, get active for August and raise funds for church as you do!

September date tbc Christmas craft and card making evening.

SERVICES AT ST ALBAN'S

Everyone is very welcome

SUNDAY 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 2nd Saturday of every month

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