



# Welcome to St Alban's Church

## Trinity 10

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OPENING HYMN *Walter Chalmers Smith (1825-1908)*

**1. Immortal, invisible, God only  
wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our  
eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious,  
the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious,  
Thy great name we praise.**

**2. Unresting, unhasting, and  
silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting,  
Thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains high  
soaring above  
Thy clouds which are fountains  
of goodness and love.**

**3. To all life Thou givest,  
to both great and small;  
In all life Thou livest, the true  
life of all;  
We blossom and flourish  
as leaves on the tree,  
And wither and perish;  
but naught changeth Thee.**

**4. Great Father of glory, pure  
Father of light,  
Thine angels adore Thee,  
all veiling their sight;  
All laud we would render:  
O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendour  
of light hideth Thee**

*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

Brothers and sisters, as we prepare to celebrate the presence of Christ in word and sacrament, let us call to mind and confess our sins.

**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 *George Salazar© 1993 OCP Publications*

**Glory, glory, glory to God. Glory, glory, glory to God.  
Glory to God in the heights of the heavens,  
peace to God's people, all people on earth.  
Glory, glory, glory to God. Glory, glory, glory to God.**

**Son of the Father, all glory and worship;  
praise and thanksgiving to you. Lamb of God  
Glory, glory, glory to God. Glory, glory, glory to God.**

**You take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us, receive our prayer.  
Glory, glory, glory to God. Glory, glory, glory to God.**

**Seated in pow'r at the right of the Father,  
Jesus alone is the Lord, the Most High.  
Glory, glory, glory to God. Glory, glory, glory to God.**

**And with the Spirit of love everlasting,  
reigning in glory for ever. Amen  
Glory, glory, glory to God. Glory, glory, glory to God.**

THE COLLECT (The special prayer of the day)

Lord of heaven and earth,  
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,  
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,  
but always to bring our prayers before you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 58. 9b to end

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Hebrews 12.18-end

GRADUAL HYMN *Horatius Bonar, 1808-1899*

**1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Come unto Me and rest;  
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down,  
Thy head upon My breast."  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
Weary and worn and sad;  
I found in Him a resting-place,  
And He has made me glad.**

**2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Behold, I freely give  
The living water; thirsty one,  
Stoop down and drink and live."  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
Of that life-giving stream.  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
And now I live in Him.**

THE GOSPEL – Luke 13.10-17

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

*The children who have been prepared to receive Holy Communion come forward*

Will you, the people of God, welcome [...] as communicant members of Christ's family and help them to grow in faith through your support and your prayers?

**Congregation: We will**

RECEPTION INTO THE COMMUNION OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

*The ministers and candidates for reception into the communion of the Church of England gather at the baptismal font.*

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together with *these candidates* the faith of the Church. Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**All 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.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**All 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.**

*After the liturgy of Reception, the president invites the congregation to pray for those received into the communion of the Church of England*

**All Defend, O Lord, these your servants with your heavenly grace,  
that they may continue yours for ever,  
and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more  
until they come to your everlasting kingdom. Amen.**

*After the Commissioning we turn to our prayers*

## 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: *John Marriott (1780-1825)*

**1. Thou, whose almighty Word  
Chaos and darkness heard,  
And took their flight;  
Hear us, we humbly pray,  
And where the gospel-day  
Sheds not its glorious ray,  
Let there be light!**

**2. Thou who didst come to  
bring,  
On Thy redeeming wing,  
Healing and sight;  
Health to the sick in mind,  
Sight to the inly blind,  
O now to all mankind  
Let there be light!**

**3. Spirit of truth and love,  
Life-giving, holy Dove,  
Speed forth Thy flight;  
Move on the waters' face,  
Bearing the lamp of grace,  
And in earth's darkest place  
Let there be light!**

**4. Blessèd and holy Three,  
Glorious Trinity,  
Wisdom, love, might;  
Boundless as ocean's tide  
Rolling in fullest pride,  
Through the world far and wide  
Let there be light!**

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 in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.** *New People's Mass, A Gregory Murray © 1975, 1987 McCrimmon*

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

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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: *Gerald Markland©1978 Kevin Mayhew Ltd.*

***Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.  
I have called you by your name;  
you are mine.***

**1. When you walk through the waters, I'll be with you;  
you will never sink beneath the waves.**

**2. When the fire is burning all around you,  
you will never be consumed by the flames.**

**3. When the fear of loneliness is looming,  
then remember I am at your side.**

**4. When you dwell in the exile of a stranger,  
remember you are precious in my eyes.**

**4. You are mine, O my child, I am your Father,  
and I love you with a perfect love.**

#### PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

God of our pilgrimage,  
you have willed that the gate of mercy  
should stand open for those who trust in you:  
look upon us with your favour  
that we who follow the path of your will  
may never wander from the way of life;  
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 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 Fanny J. Crosby (1820-1915)

**1. Blessèd assurance, Jesus is mine:  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God;  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.**

*This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Saviour all the day long.  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Saviour all the day long.*

**2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture burst on my sight;  
Angels descending bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.**

**3. Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Saviour am happy and blessed;  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love**

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## **FOR OUR PRAYERS:**

**The Parish:** *Saturn Close, Scory Close and Slaugham Court, Rother Crescent and Ryelands*

**Prayers for:** *Alistair and Marcia, Sophie Baker, Eslin, Douglas, Linda Ballard, Peter Hill, Kerry, Rose, Julie, Liam, Cruse, Jayne, Freddie, John, Robert, Janette, Seamus, Stan and Rose, Roger Gibson, David, Brian, Mary Louise, Bridgette, Jack, Margaret Hanson, Jamie, Stephen Rich, Michael and Betty Atkinson*

## **The Departed:**

**Year's Mind:** *Marjorie Burgess, John Newman, Mabel Chatepa and Norman Doody*

**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 19<sup>th</sup> July and start again on September 6<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

**Shoebox Time - Link To Hope.** August is a good time to get your shoebox itself and look around for cheaper items in sales etc to put in them. We can choose to do a Family box or one for the elderly. Small toys e.g. cars, ball skipping rope small doll, hair items, stationery, and toiletries. For the elderly as well as stationery, and toiletries, perhaps a torch, and reading glasses. Leaflets will be coming soon with all the details. Boxes are taken to the warehouse in Worthing by the end of October. Last year 40,000 were sent out to Romania, Moldova, Bulgaria and Ukraine. They were very much appreciated so good hunting this holiday period. Thank you Merle.

### **Up-coming Fun & Fund-raising events:**

September date tbc Christmas craft and card making evening.

The PCC would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who volunteers their time and gifts to the church by holding a **Summer Thank You Party**, This is also for anyone who would like to join our rotas. It will be at **6 pm – 8 pm** (early enough so that families can come along) on **2<sup>nd</sup> September**. Please put this date in your diary and come and join the fun.

**Alpha at St Alban's** will take place on Monday evenings beginning on 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**The Parish Office is closed from the 14<sup>th</sup> of August and will re-open again on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September.**

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month

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### **Our Prayer for Vision & Leadership**

Lord, we come before you with grateful hearts for the tremendous talent within our church.

We are a body filled with gifts yet we sometimes lose sight of why we were so richly blessed in the first place.

Forgive us when we fail to heed Your calling in our lives, or as a community.

Despite our forgetful nature, we know you love us dearly and want us to partner with you:

not as servants, but as your children.

Bring us a renewed vision of ourselves from your perspective.

Help us to embrace your love so that we may share it with others.

Guide us as we look to the future of this Parish of Gossops Green and Bewbush.

Grant us a renewed vision as we seek you in your word.

Give us dreams that make us come alive because we are doing what you created us to do.

Let our joy overflow from the vision of the future you give us.

Let us honour you with our work, with our families and with our lives. *Amen*