



Welcome to St Alban's Church

Trinity 7

OPENING HYMN *Martin Rinkart (1586-1649).Tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)*

Now thank we all our God,
with hearts and hands and voices;
who wondrous things has done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be ever more.

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

**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)

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Ecclesiastes 1.2,12-14: 2.18-23

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Colossians 3.1-11

**All that I am, all that I do,
All that I'll ever have, I offer now to you.
Take and sanctify these gifts
For your honour, Lord.
Knowing that I love and serve you
Is enough reward.
All that I am, all that I do,
All that I'll ever have I offer now to you.**

**All that I dream, all that I pray,
All that I'll ever make, I give to you today.
Take and sanctify these gifts
For your honour, Lord.
Knowing that I love and serve you
Is enough reward.
All that I am, all that I do,
All that I'll ever have I offer now to you.**

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

THE GOSPEL – Luke 12.13-21

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: *Joachim Neander Translated by Catherine Winkworth 1863, and P. Dearmer 1906.*

**Praise to the Lord,
the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him,
for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
brothers and sisters, draw near,
praise Him in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord,
who o'er all things
so wondrously reigneth,
sheildeth thee gently from harm,
or when fainting sustaineth:
Hast thou not seen
how thy heart's wishes have been
granted in what he ordaineth?**

**Praise to the Lord,
who doth prosper thy work
and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy
shall daily attend thee:
Ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
if to the end he befriend thee.**

**Praise to the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath,
come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen
sound from his people again:
Gladly for aye we adore him.**

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: *David J. Evans Copyright © 1986 Kingsway's Thankyou Music.*

**1. God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,
I've been born again in Jesus' name;
and in Jesus' name I come to you
to share his love as he told me to.**

***He said: 'Freely, freely, you have received;
freely, freely give.
Go in my name, and because you believe,
others will know that I live.'***

**2. All power is given in Jesus' name,
in earth and heaven in Jesus' name;
and in Jesus' name I come to you
to share his power as he told me to.**

**3. God gives us life in Jesus' name,
He lives in us in Jesus' name;
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share his peace as he told me to.**

***He said: 'Freely, freely, you have received;.....
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PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live:
may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in
his love;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **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

**1. Sing of the Lord's goodness,
Father of all wisdom,
come to him and bless his name.
mercy he has shown us,
his love is for ever,
faithful to the end of days.**

***Come then all you nations,
sing of your Lord's goodness,
melodies of praise and thanks to God.
Ring out the Lord's glory,
praise him with your music,
worship him and bless his name.***

**2. Power he has wielded,
honour is his garment,
risen from the snares of death.
His word he has spoken,
one bread he has broken,
new life he now gives to all.**

**3. Courage in our darkness,
comfort in our sorrow,
Spirit of our God most high;
solace for the weary,
pardon for the sinner,
splendour of the living God.**

**4. Praise him with your singing,
praise him with the trumpet,
praise God with the lute and harp;
praise him with the cymbals,
praise him with your dancing,
praise God till the end of days.**

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FOR OUR PRAYERS:

The Parish: *Bolney Court, Booth Road, Breezhurst Drive and Brettingham Close, Cherwell Walk and Cob Walk*

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: *Judith Aldridge*

Year's Mind: *Audrey Jordan, Sam Lavington and Alfred Meacher*

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.

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.

Family Support Work. FSW are having a sponsored walk on Thursday 22nd August Amberley - Arundel, one long one of 8.7 miles and a shorter one of 2.6 miles. Details are on the Mission Table or can be found on the events section of their website www.familysupportwork.org/walks. Be good if a group could go or families. There is a refreshment stop at St Nicholas Church. Do let me know if you are interested. Thank you Merle.

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:

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.

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 **2nd 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 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.

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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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*