



# Welcome to St Alban's Church

## Trinity 12

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

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.

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.

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

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)

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray  
and to give more than either we desire *or* deserve:  
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,  
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid  
and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask  
but through the merits and mediation  
of 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: Deuteronomy 30.15-end

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Philemon 1-21

GRADUAL HYMN *Karen Lafferty ©1972 Maranatha! Music.*

**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 14.25-33

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...(response -**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: *Graham Maule & John L. Bell © 1987 WGRG, Iona Community*

**1. Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown in you,  
and you in me?**

**2. Will you leave yourself behind  
if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare,  
should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer  
in you and you in me?**

**3. Will you let the blinded see  
if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free  
and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean,  
and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean  
in you and you in me?**

**4. Will you love the 'you' you hide  
if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me?**

**5. Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show;  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*Prayer over the gifts*

Blessed are you....

(Response) **Blessed be God forever**

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**

*The president prays the preface then invites us to join with the whole company of heaven to sing....*

**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*

*The president recalls the last supper*

Great is the mystery of faith

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

*The president continues to praise God for his mighty acts. At the end we say...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.**

*New People's Mass, A Gregory Murray © 1975, 1987 McCrimmon*

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. Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
the holy One is here;  
come bow before him now  
with reverence and fear.  
In him no sin is found,  
we stand on holy ground.  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
the holy One is here.**

**2. Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around;  
he burns with holy fire,  
with splendour he is crowned.  
How awesome is the sight,  
our radiant King of light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around.**

**3. Be still, for the power of the Lord  
is moving in this place;  
he comes to cleanse and heal,  
to minister His grace.  
No work too hard for him,  
in faith receive from him;  
Be still, for the power of the Lord  
is moving in this place.**

#### PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

God of all mercy,  
In this eucharist you have set aside our sins  
and given us your healing:  
grant that we who are made whole  
in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world,  
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**

**1. In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**2. In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save:  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied -  
For every sin on Him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**3. There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine -  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand:  
Till He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.**

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### **FOR OUR PRAYERS:**

**The Parish:** *Comper Close, Corby Close, Cowfold Close and Cuckfield Close, Dormans and Dower Walk*

**Prayers for:** *Alistair and Marcia, Eslin, Douglas, Linda Ballard, Peter Hill, Kerry, Rose, Julie, Liam, Cruse, Jayne, Freddie, John, Robert, Seamus, Stan and Rose, David, Bridgette, Margaret Hanson, Stephen Rich, Michael and George and Marian Wright*

**Year's Mind:** *Bessie Kiernan, Margaret Jenner, 1000's killed in the USA, Joan Fiddes, Phyllis Cape and John Ruddock*

**The Children's Society.** Please would anyone who still has a box please hand it in as soon as possible to Merle. Many thanks.

**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.

### **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*