



Welcome to St Alban's Church

Trinity 13

OPENING 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:**

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 God, you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Exodus 32.7-14

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 1 Timothy 1. 12-17

GRADUAL HYMN *Unknown, based on Psalm 46*

**1.Be still and know that I am God.
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Be still and know that I am God.**

**2. I am the Lord that healeth thee.
I am the Lord that healeth thee.
I am the Lord that healeth thee.**

**3. In thee, O Lord, I put my trust.
In thee, O Lord, I put my trust.
In thee, O Lord, I put my trust.**

THE GOSPEL – Luke 15.1-10
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: *Charles Wesley*

**1. And can it be that I should gain
an interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died he for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
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that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?**

**2. 'Tis mystery all! The Immortal dies:
who can explore his strange design?
In vain the first-born seraph tries
to sound the depths of love divine!
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
let angel minds inquire no more.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
let angel minds inquire no more.**

**3. He left his Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite his grace;**

emptied himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
for, O my God, it found out me.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
for, O my God, it found out me.

4. Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin and nature's night;
thine eye diffused a quickening ray,
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.
my chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

5. No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine.
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.
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and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

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.

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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: *Stuart Townend©Copyright 1996 Thankyou Music*

**1.The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.**

*And I will trust in You alone,
And I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.*

**2.He guides my ways in righteousness,
And He anoints my head with oil,
And my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.**

**3.And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know.**

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

God our creator,
you feed your children with the true manna,
the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage
until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more;
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

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**1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry;
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?**

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me;
I will hold your people in my heart.*

**2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain;
I have wept for love of them –
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,**

**Give them hearts for love alone;
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?**

**3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them –
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts are satisfied;
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?**

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FOR OUR PRAYERS:

The Parish: *Jolesfield Court, Juxon Close and Kingsley Road, Hurst Close and Kennet Close*

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

The Departed: *Dorothea*

Year's Mind: *Jack Howell, George Wheatley, Mary Murray and Ruth Selmes*

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. 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.

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.

The Children's Society. A few boxes are still to come in so if I could have them by next Sunday that would be really helpful. So far we have a total of £180 but I hope we can make the £200 perhaps plus to send to this very worthy cause. Many Thanks, Merle.

Link to Hope Shoebox Time! The leaflets for our shoeboxes are now available. Do pick one up and decide whether you would like to do one for a family or one for an elderly person. All the instructions are inside. Brenda from Community Morning has made us a lot of hats which is very helpful. The fee for sending a box has gone up from £2 to £3 this year. This is because Link to Hope have seen a need and now run some projects in the 4 countries our boxes go to, so any money over from petrol for the big lorries that take the boxes over goes into helping with the projects. If you have children or grandchildren, do ask them what they think should go in. 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.

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*