



# Welcome to St Alban's Church

## Trinity 15

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Before the children leave for Junior 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.**

OPENING HYMN *Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend © 2007 Thankyou Music*

**1. Come, people of the risen king,  
Who delight to bring Him praise.  
Come, all and tune your hearts to sing  
To the Morning Star of grace.  
From the shifting shadows of the earth  
We will lift our eyes to Him,  
Where steady arms of mercy reach  
To gather children in.**

***Rejoice! Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!  
One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, rejoice!***

**2. Come, those whose joy is morning sun  
And those weeping through the night.  
Come, those who tell of battles won,  
And those struggling in the fight.  
For His perfect love will never change,  
And His mercies never cease,  
But follow us through all our days  
With the certain hope of peace. *Rejoice! Rejoice...***

**3. Come, young and old from every land,  
Men and women of the faith.  
Come, those with full or empty hands,  
Find the riches of His grace.  
Over all the world, His people sing,  
Shore to shore we hear them call  
The Truth that cries through every age;  
'Our God is all in all'. *Rejoice! Rejoice...***

*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.**

#### 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**

**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)

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit  
upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:  
grant that your people may be fervent  
in the fellowship of the gospel  
that, always abiding in you,  
they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;  
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: Amos 6.1a,4-7

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 1 Timothy 6.6-19

GRADUAL HYMN *Anonymous, based on John 13. 34-35*

**A new commandment  
I give unto you,  
that you love one another  
as I have loved you,  
that you love one another  
as I have loved you.**

**By this shall all men know  
that you are my disciples,  
if you have love one for another.  
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if you have love one for another.**

THE GOSPEL – Luke 16.19-end

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: *Sydney Bertram Carter* © 1965 Stainer and Bell Ltd

**1. When I needed a neighbour  
were you there, were you there?  
When I needed a neighbour  
were you there?  
And the creed and the colour  
and the name won't matter, were you there?**

**2. I was hungry and thirsty,  
were you there, were you there?  
I was hungry and thirsty,  
were you there?  
And the creed and the colour  
and the name won't matter, were you there?**

**3. I was cold, I was naked,  
were you there, were you there?  
I was cold, I was naked,  
were you there?  
And the creed and the colour  
and the name won't matter, were you there?**

**4. When I needed a shelter  
were you there, were you there?  
When I needed a shelter  
were you there?  
And the creed and the colour  
and the name won't matter, were you there?**

**5. When I needed a healer  
were you there, were you there?  
When I needed a healer  
were you there?  
And the creed and the colour  
and the name won't matter, were you there?**

**6. Wherever you travel  
I'll be there, I'll be there,  
Wherever you travel  
I'll be there.  
And the creed and the colour  
and the name won't matter, I'll be there.**

## 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:** *Verses 1,2 Jimmy Owens and verses 3-5 Damien Lundy©1978 Bud John  
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**1.This is my body broken for you  
bringing you wholeness, making you free  
Take it and eat it and when you do  
Do it in love for me.**

**2. This is my blood poured out for you  
bringing forgiveness, making you free  
Take it and drink it, and when you do  
do it in love for me.**

**3. Back to my Father soon I shall go  
Do not forget me, then you will see  
I am still with you, and you will know  
you're very close to me.**

**4. Filled with my Spirit, how you will grow.  
You are my branches, I am the tree  
If you are faithful, others will know  
you are alive in me.**

**5. Love one another, I have loved you,  
and I have shown you how to be free  
serve one another, and when you do  
do it in love for me.**

#### PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy;  
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,  
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,  
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;  
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 *Sister Marje Lydia Pereira*

**Go, the Mass is ended,  
children of the Lord.  
Take God's Word to others  
as You've heard it spoken to you.  
Go, the Mass is ended,  
go and tell the world  
the Lord is good, the Lord is kind,  
and loves us ev'ry one.**

**Go, the Mass is ended,  
take God's love to all.  
Gladden all who meet you,  
fill their hearts with hope and courage.  
Go, the Mass is ended,  
fill the world with love,  
and give to all what you've received  
—the peace and joy of Christ.**

**Go, the mass is ended,  
strengthened in the Lord,  
lighten ev'ry burden,  
spread the joy of Christ around you.  
Go, the Mass is ended,  
take God's peace to all.  
This day is yours to change the world  
—to make God known and loved.**

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## **FOR OUR PRAYERS:**

**The Parish:** *Waddington Close, Warrington Close and Washington Road, Windrush Close and Windyridge*

**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, Geoff, Sue and Mark Woly and Frank Williams*

**The Departed:** *Ruth Ganz*

**Year's Mind:** *Frank Newman, Dorothy Neil, Karl Fischer, Peter Ford, Maria Gilbert and Thomas Stevens*

**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.

**Link to Hope.** For our shoeboxes, Brenda from Community Morning has made some lovely hats, gloves and both her and Madeleine have made some scarves to go into our boxes. As it is so cold in E Europe in the winter we are all asked to include those items. You will find them at the back of church. Enjoy packing your boxes. Do ask your children or grandchildren about suitable gifts for your box. Any questions please do ask me. Thank you Merle

**Children's Society.** Just a couple of boxes still to come. Then I can let you know how much we can send to help children especially teenagers who have been let down by their parents and can no longer live at home. That means life can be disastrous for them but schools and the police often get in touch with the Children's Society and ask for their help. A trained worker will meet with someone in that position and help them through their crisis. Thank you Merle.

Wednesday 2nd October 11-12 pm. **Informal prayer** gathering in the church to pray for our country and our leaders. With the news coming out this week, this is more important than ever - please do join us if you can.

**Harvest Donations: Crawley Food Bank Partnership.** To work more efficiently in tackling the growing levels of food poverty in our community Crawley Open House and The Easter Team are combining their efforts. The most useful items are coffee, tea, sugar, UHT milk, tins of anything, pasta, squash, cereals, cooking sauces etc. although any donation is welcome. Please give generously and bring your offerings to our Harvest service on 6<sup>th</sup> October.

**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.

Next week is our **Out Of The Box** service at 11.15 am on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October. Please do come and enjoy this informal service - there will be cake, storytelling, and the chance to explore how Jesus can give us peace. All welcome!

**Promises Auction for 2020** to raise money for the building works. More information will be publicised soon. In the meantime, please start thinking of promises you can offer or collect from friendly organisations. A wish list will go up too so that people can ask for promises they would like. Watch this space.

## 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*