



# Welcome to St Alban's Church Last Sunday after Trinity

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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 *Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)*

**1. Praise, my soul, the king of heaven!  
To his feet thy tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
who like me his praise should sing?  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise the everlasting king!**

**2. Praise him for his grace and favour  
to our fathers in distress;  
praise him still the same for ever,  
slow to chide and swift to bless.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Glorious in his faithfulness!**

**3. Father-like he tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame he knows;  
in his hands he gently bears us,**

rescues us from all our foes.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Widely as his mercy flows!

**4. Angels, help us to adore him;  
ye behold him face to face;  
sun and moon bow down before him,  
dwellers all in time and space.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise with us the God of grace!**

*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)

Blessed Lord,  
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:  
help us so to hear them,  
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them  
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,  
we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life,  
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
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: Ecclesiasticus 35.12-17

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18

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**Bless the Lord my soul, and bless his holy name,  
Bless the Lord my soul, who leads me into life.**

*Repeat*

THE GOSPEL – Luke 18.9-14

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 *Thomas O. Chisholm (1866–1960) © 1923 renewed 1951 Hope Publishing Co CCL Licence Number 930636*

**1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.**

***Great is thy faithfulness!  
Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided,  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!***

**2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,**

join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.  
*Great is thy faithfulness...*

**3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**  
*Great is thy faithfulness...*

## 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: *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. *Sing aloud....***

**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. *Sing aloud....***

**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. *Sing aloud....***

## PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

God of all grace,  
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry  
with the bread of his life  
and the word of his kingdom:  
renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your true and living bread;  
who 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**

CLOSING HYMN *J. van Alstyne (1820-1915)*

**1. To God be the glory! Great things he has done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.**

***Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let the earth hear his voice!***

***Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son;  
And give him the glory,  
great things he has done!***

**2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!  
To every believer the promise of God;  
the vilest offender who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.**

***Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son;  
And give him the glory,  
great things he has done!***

**3. Great things he has taught us,  
great things he has done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son:  
But purer and higher and greater will be  
our wonder, our worship, when Jesus we see!**

***Praise the Lord....***

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## 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***