



Welcome to St Alban's Church

10th Sunday after Trinity

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.

OPENING HYMN *Walter Chalmers Smith (1825-1908)*

**1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious,
the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

**2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting,
thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains,
high soaring above thy clouds,
which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**3 To all life thou givest,
to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish
as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.**

**4 Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee,
all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render:
O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.**

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

We have too often exchanged the worship of the living God
for idols of our own imagining.
As we gather to offer our praises to the holy and undivided Trinity,
and to worship him in spirit and in truth, let us call to mind our sins.

Father, you come to meet us when we return to you:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Jesus, you died on the cross for our sins:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Spirit, you give us life and peace:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

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 *Michael Perry ©Mrs B Perry/Jubilate Hymns*

We sing **Glory be to God in heaven,
peace to those who love him well;
on the earth let all his people
speak his grace his wonders tell.
Lord we praise you for your glory,
mighty Father, heaven's King;
Hear our joyful adoration
and accept the thanks we bring.**

**Only Son of God the Father,
Lamb who takes our sins away;
now with him in triumph seated,
for your mercy, Lord we pray.
Jesus Christ, most high and holy,
Saviour, you are God alone.
In the glory of the Father,
with the Spirit, three in one.**

THE COLLECT

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 58.9b–14; Hebrews 12.18–29

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

GRADUAL HYMN *Horatius Bonar, 1808-1899*

**1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down,
thy head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.**

**2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream.
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in Him.**

**3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light.
Look unto me; thy morn shall rise
and all thy day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my Star, my Sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till travelling days are done.**

THE GOSPEL

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 13.10–17

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

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

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED *Please stand if you are able*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten not made,
of one Being with the Father, through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
he was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand
of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each prayer: 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.
Amen.**

THE PEACE *Please stand if you are able*

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.
Peace from his Son Jesus Christ, who is our peace.
Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.

The peace of the triune God be always with you. **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN *Stewart Cross*

**1 Father, Lord of all creation,
ground of being, life and love;
height and depth beyond description
only life in you can prove:
you are mortal life's dependence:
thought, speech, sight are ours by grace;
yours is every hour's existence,
Sovereign Lord of time and space.**

**2 Jesus Christ, the man for others,
we, your people, make our prayer:
give us grace to love as brothers
all whose burdens we can share.
Where your name binds us together
you, Lord Christ, will surely be;
where no selfishness can sever
there your love may all men see.**

**3 Holy Spirit, rushing, burning
wind and flame of Pentecost,
fire our hearts afresh with yearning
to regain what we have lost.
May your love unite our action,
nevermore to speak alone:
God, in us abolish faction,
God, through us your love make known.**

THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.
Blessed be God forever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.
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.

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:

We 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.**

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.

We sing **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.

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, 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.**

AGNUS DEI

We sing **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.**

God's holy gifts, for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Any member of the congregation may come to receive a blessing. All baptised Christians who receive communion in their own churches are welcome to receive communion.

COMMUNION HYMN *Gerald Markland©1978 Kevin Mayhew Ltd.*

***Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your name; you are mine.***

**1 When you walk through the waters, I'll be with you;
you will never sink beneath the waves. *Do not be afraid...***

**2 When the fire is burning all around you,
you will never be consumed by the flames. *Do not be afraid...***

**3 When the fear of loneliness is looming,
remember I am at your side. *Do not be afraid...***

**4 When you dwell in the exile of a stranger,
remember you are precious in my eyes. *Do not be afraid...***

**5 You are mine, O my child, I am your Father,
and I love you with a perfect love. *Do not be afraid...***

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

God of our pilgrimage,
you have willed that the gate of mercy
should stand open for those who trust in you:
look upon us with your favour
that we who follow the path of your will
may never wander from the way of life;
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

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love,
defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace;
and the blessing ...

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN *W. Chatterton Dix (1837-98)*

**1 Alleluia, sing to Jesus,
his the sceptre, his the throne,
alleluia, his the triumph,
his the victory alone:
hark! the songs of peaceful Sion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus, out of every nation,
hath redeemed us by his blood.**

**2 Alleluia, not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
alleluia, he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how;
though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?**

**3 Alleluia, Bread of Angels,
thou on earth our food, our stay;
alleluia, here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day;
intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.**

**4 Alleluia, King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own;
alleluia, born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne;
thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
thou on earth both priest and victim
in the Eucharistic Feast.**

Regular services and events at St Alban's

SUNDAY SERVICE:

Sung Eucharist 9:45am weekly

WEEKDAY SERVICES:

Thursday 9:30am Said Eucharist

followed by Heart of Welcome Café 10am-12pm

Saturday Prayers 9.30am next one Saturday 13th September



St Alban's contact details

Churchwardens:

wardensue@stalbangossopsgreen.co.uk

wardenkeith@stalbangossopsgreen.co.uk

Parish Office: Jo Browse 01293 344860

office@stalbangossopsgreen.co.uk

Please note the Parish Office is manned only on Wednesdays from 10 till 4. Outside these times please leave a voicemail or email

Website: www.stalbangossopsgreen.co.uk

Facebook: St Alban's Gossops Green and Bewbush

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

Common worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of England, material from which is included in this service, is ©The Archbishop's Council 2000. Common Worship: Additional Eucharistic Prayers, material from which is reproduced above, is copyright © The Archbishop's Council 2012. One Licence A-740747, CCL Licence Number 078543