



# Welcome to St Alban's

## Feast of the Conversion of Paul

*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** *John Ernest Bode (1816-1874)*

**1 O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
be thou for ever near me,  
my Master and my Friend;  
I shall not fear the battle  
if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if thou wilt be my guide.**

**2 O let me feel thee near me:  
the world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
the tempting sounds I hear;  
my foes are ever near me,  
around me and within;  
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer,  
and shield my soul from sin.**

**3 O let me hear thee speaking  
in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion,  
the murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me,  
to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
thou guardian of my soul.**

**4 O Jesus, thou hast promised  
to all who follow thee,  
that where thou art in glory  
there shall thy servant be;  
and, Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end:  
O give me grace to follow,  
my Master and my Friend.**

**5 O let me see thy foot-marks  
and in them plant mine own;  
my hope to follow duly  
is in thy strength alone:  
O guide me, call me, draw me,  
uphold me to the end;  
and then in heaven receive me,  
my Saviour and my Friend.**

*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

By the mercies of God,  
let us confess our sins and present our bodies as a living sacrifice,  
holy and acceptable to him, which is our spiritual worship.

Lord Jesus, illuminate the darkness in our hearts:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, open our eyes to your saving love:  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, unstopp our ears to hear your living word:  
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

*All sing*

***Glory, glory to God, glory to God in the highest heav'ns;  
peace, peace, peace on the earth;  
peace to God's people, all people on earth. (Repeat)***

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

***Glory, glory...***

**Lord Jesus Christ, Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy, mercy on us. Have mercy, mercy on us.**

**You are seated at the right hand, at the right hand of the Father,  
receive, Lord, receive our prayer. Receive, Lord, receive our prayer.**

***Glory, glory...***

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the most high, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
In the glory, glory of God, the glory of God the Father.**

***Glory, glory...***

**Amen, amen.**

## THE COLLECT (The special prayer of the day)

Almighty God,  
who caused the light of the gospel  
to shine throughout the world  
through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul:  
grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion  
may follow him in bearing witness to your truth;  
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.**

## READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 1.4-10; Acts 9.1-22

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

GRADUAL HYMN *Henry Williams Baker (1821-77).*

**1 The King of love my Shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his  
and he is mine forever.**

**2 Where streams of living water flow  
my ransomed soul he leadeth,  
and where the verdant pastures grow  
with food celestial feedeth.**

**3 And so through all the length of days  
thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house forever.**

## THE GOSPEL

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

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

Matthew 19.27-end

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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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*

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,  
since as members of one body you are called to peace.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We share a sign of peace with those standing near us.*

OFFERTORY HYMN *G.H. Bourne (1840-1925)*

**1 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,  
first begotten from the dead;  
thou alone, our strong defender,  
liftest up thy people's head.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Jesus, true and living Bread!**

**2 Prince of Life, for us thou livest,  
by thy body souls are healed;  
Prince of Peace, thy peace thou livest,  
by thy blood is pardon sealed.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Word of God in flesh revealed.**

**3 Paschal Lamb! Thine offering finished  
once for all when thou wast slain,  
in its fullness undiminished  
shall forevermore remain.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Cleansing souls from every stain.**

**4 Great High Priest of our profession,  
through the veil thou ent'redst in;  
by thy mighty intercession  
grace and mercy thou canst win.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Only sacrifice for sin.**

**5 Life-imparting heavenly manna,  
stricken rock, with streaming side;  
heaven and earth with loud hosanna  
worship thee, the Lamb who died.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Risen, ascended, glorified!**

#### THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Lord, accept your people's gifts,  
not gold, frankincense or myrrh,  
but hearts and voices raised in praise of Jesus Christ,  
our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

#### THE EUCHARIST

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.**

All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere, mighty creator,  
ever-living God, through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord:  
for at this time we celebrate your glory made present in our midst.

In the coming of the magi  
the King of all the world was revealed to the nations.

In the waters of baptism  
Jesus was revealed as the Christ, the Saviour sent to redeem us.

In the water made wine  
the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast.  
Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven we lift our voices  
to proclaim the glory of your name and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

*We sing*    **Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and God of might:  
Heaven and earth, heaven and earth  
are full of your glory, your power and might.  
*Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heavens.*  
*Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heavens.***

**Blessed, blessed is he who comes,  
Blessed, blessed is he who comes,  
blessed is he, blessed is he  
who comes in the name of the Lord. *Hosanna...***

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*    **Dying you destroyed our death,  
Rising you restored our life.  
Lord Jesus come, Lord Jesus come;  
Lord Jesus come in glory.  
*Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heav'ns!*  
*Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heav'ns!***

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.**

*We sing*    **Jesus, Lamb of God, Bread of Life for us;  
Jesus, Lamb of God, Wine of Joy for us;  
Jesus, Lamb of God bearing all our sin;  
Have mercy on us, give us your 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.**

*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 *Dave Bilbrough ©1979 Kingsway's Thankyou Music*

**1 Let there be *love* shared among us,  
let there be *love* in our eyes,  
may now your *love* sweep this nation,  
cause us, O Lord, to arise.**

**Give us a fresh understanding  
filled with your *love* that is real,  
let there be *love* shared among us,  
let there be *love*.**

**2 Let there be *peace* shared among us...**

**3 Let there be *hope* shared among us...**

**4 Let there be *joy* shared among us...**

*Prayer after Communion*

Lord God,  
the source of truth and love,  
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,  
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,  
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,  
in 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

May the light of the glorious gospel of Christ shine in your hearts and fill your lives with his joy and peace.

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

### CLOSING HYMN Traditional S African tr. A Nyberg, A Maries

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#### **1 We are marching in the light of God, (x4)**

*We are marching, marching  
we are marching, o-oh!  
We are marching in the light of God.  
(repeat)*

#### **2 We are living in the love of God (x4)**

*We are living, living  
we are living, o-oh!  
We are living in the love of God.  
(repeat)*

#### **3 We are moving in the pow'r of God (x4)**

*We are moving, moving  
we are moving, o-oh!  
We are moving in the pow'r of God.  
(repeat 3 times)*

## Regular services and events at St Alban's

### SUNDAY SERVICE:

Sung Eucharist 9:45am weekly

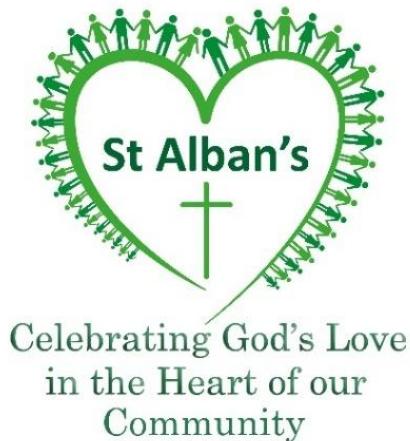
### WEEKDAY SERVICE:

**Thursday 9:30am** Said Eucharist

*followed by Heart of Welcome Café 10am-12pm*

**Saturday Prayer Breakfast 9.30am** next one Saturday 14th February

**Tiny Toes Toddler Group** every Monday in term time, 9.30 – 11am



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