



St Alban's Parish Church



Sunday 19th July The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Our life and our world may often seem out of kilter with how we feel things should be, and God has words for us on this subject today.

9.00 am **Said Mass** Fr Graham

10.00 am **Parish Mass**
President Mtr Linda **Preacher** Fr Graham
Readings Sr Julie
Intercessions
Eucharistic Minister Sue Storey

6.00pm Evening Prayer Liz Pacey

Today at the Parish Mass:

Hymns: NEH 259, 461, 276, NH&WS 87

During the Week

Tues 21st **19.00 Said Mass** Fr Graham
Thur 23rd **10.00 Said Mass** Mtr Linda

WELCOME We are really pleased to see you. If you have any queries or are unsure about anything please ask.

Intercessions

We give thanks for the beauty of the world, and pray for the whole of creation and our part in it.

We pray that, using our wit and wisdom, together with others of good will, we may have the courage to act wisely and well in the face of poverty, climate change, loss and destruction.

We pray for experts and ordinary people to understand both the threat and the opportunity that careful change can bring to our world and the whole of creation.

We pray for the resolve to ensure that no one is left behind, no garden is left untended, and that in God's economy all shall be well.

We pray for those who are weak, ill and vulnerable.

We remember those who have died recently and those we have known and loved whose years mind falls this week: William Stocks, Dorothy Tiplady, Audrey Smith, Rose Tuplin, Clarence Callan, Jean Mohr, Bill Clipson, Ann Holderness, Walter Johnson.

Next Sunday 26th July The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Through our worship may we discern how the gifts that God has given us – individually and as a community – are to be brought into the light and used in the ongoing task of building Christ's kingdom.

Readings

First Reading **1 Kings 3:5-12**

Offered anything he desires by God, Solomon chooses the wisdom to do right by his people over personal gain, securing the nation for God.

Second Reading **Romans 8:26-end**

Paul teaches that the Spirit gives words when prayer is frozen and offers us ways of opening our hearts to that same Spirit's grace.

Gospel **Matthew 13:31-33. 44-52**

Jesus describes the kingdom of God as something unprepossessing – tiny, vulnerable and hidden – but which survives and flourishes to grow abundantly and bountifully.

Services

9.00 am **Said Mass** Fr Graham

10.00 am **Parish Mass**
President and Preacher Fr Graham
Readings Liz Pacey
Intercessions Judy Appleby
Eucharistic Minister Wendy Bishop

6.00pm Evening Prayer Fr Graham

Stewardship

This QR Code can be easily scanned by anyone wanting to make an online one off donation or a regular gift to St Alban's. Thank you for your generosity.



After Mass today there will be an information update and demonstration on the best way to use the CollecTin

This will only be 5-10 minutes – and is designed to help people use the machine to best advantage. This includes how to fill in the gift-aid declaration for anything over £30.

We will repeat the demo next Sunday, 26th July

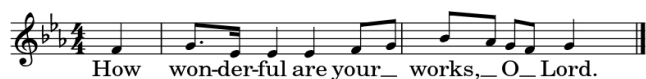
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First Reading Wisdom of Solomon 12:13. 16-19

For neither is there any god besides you, whose care is for all people,
to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly;
For your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all.
For you show your strength when people doubt the completeness of your power, and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it.
Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge with mildness, and with great forbearance you govern us;
for you have power to act whenever you choose.
Through such works you have taught your people that the righteous must be kind,
and you have filled your children with good hope, because you give repentance for sins.

Psalm 139: 1-7



O Lord, you have searched me out and known me;
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
You mark out my journeys and my resting place
and are acquainted with all my ways. **R.**

For there is not a word in my tongue, but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
You encompass me behind and before and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
so high that I cannot attain it. **R.**

Where can I go then from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?
If I climb up to heaven you are there;
if I make the grave my bed you are there also. **R.**

Second Reading Romans 8:12-25

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager

longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Gospel acclamation

Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us.
Make our hearts burn within us and you talk to us.

Gospel Matthew 13:24-30. 36-43

He put before them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, “Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?” He answered, “An enemy has done this.” The slaves said to him, “Then do you want us to go and gather them?” But he replied, “No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.”’

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, ‘Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.’ He answered, ‘The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!