



St Alban's Parish Church



Next Sunday 13th September The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

We gather to worship God our Father, whose forgiveness and mercy are as limitless as his love.

Sunday 6th September The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Today we reflect on our church communities and whether we value the privilege of being able to worship together freely. We also consider how we deal with conflict and disagreement within our communities.

9.00 am **Said Mass** Fr Graham

10.00 am **Parish Mass**
President Mtr Linda **Preacher** Fr Graham
Readings Andrew Mould
Intercessions Jim Hickey
Eucharistic Minister Wendy Bishop

6.00pm Evening Prayer Mtr Linda

Today at the Parish Mass:
Hymns: NEH 475, 296, 357 NH&WS 210

During the Week

Tues 8th Birth of BVM **19.00 Said Mass** Fr Graham
Thur 10th **10.00 Said Mass** Fr Graham

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

Intercessions

We pray for the Christian Church; that it may shine in the world as an example of a community where forgiveness and reconciliation lead to cohesion and cooperation.

We pray for the peace of the world community, for friendship and cooperation between nations, communities and people.

We pray for all within our various communities – neighbours, colleagues, friends and family. May we remember that each is a child of God and treat everyone with love and respect.

We pray for anyone who is lonely or disconnected from community life, and for anyone experiencing poor health or suffering. May God comfort and console them, and guide others to reach out to them.

We pray for all who have died recently and, remember those we have known and loved whose years mind falls this week: Hilda Drinkall, Elizabeth Redpath, Hilary Hotchin (priest), Edward Nicholson, Thomas Rogerson, May Charlton, Edith Didsbury.

Readings

First Reading **Exodus 14:19-31**

With God's help, the Israelites escape from Egypt while their pursuers are drowned.

Second Reading **Romans 14:1-12**

Paul urges members of the church in Rome to respect the opinions of others and leave judgement to God.

Gospel **Matthew 18:21-35**

Jesus teaches that our forgiveness of others should be as limitless as God's forgiveness of us.

Services

9.00 am **Said Mass** Fr Graham

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

6.00pm Evening Prayer Fr Graham

Notices

Messy Church

2nd Wednesday of the Month 3.15-4.30pm

Lego Church

4th Wednesday of the Month 3.15-4.30pm

Harp Ensemble Concert

Saturday 19th September 3pm (cake stall and refreshments from 2 pm)

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Thursday 24th September 11am

Stewardship

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First Reading**Exodus 12:1-14**

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Psalm 149

O sing to the Lord a new song;
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.
Let Israel rejoice in their maker;
let the children of Zion be joyful in their king. **R**

Let them praise his name in the dance;
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and lyre.
For the Lord has pleasure in his people
and adorns the poor with salvation. **R**

Let the faithful be joyful in glory;
let them rejoice in their ranks,
With the praises of God in their mouths
and a two-edged sword in their hands; **R**

To execute vengeance on the nations, and
punishment on the peoples;
To bind their kings in chains, and their nobles
with fetters of iron;
To execute on them the judgement decreed:
such honour have all his faithful servants. **R**

Second Reading**Romans 13:8-end**

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Gospel acclamation

Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth.

Gospel**Matthew 18:15-20**

'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'