

# *St Andrew's Church*

## *Bible Sunday*

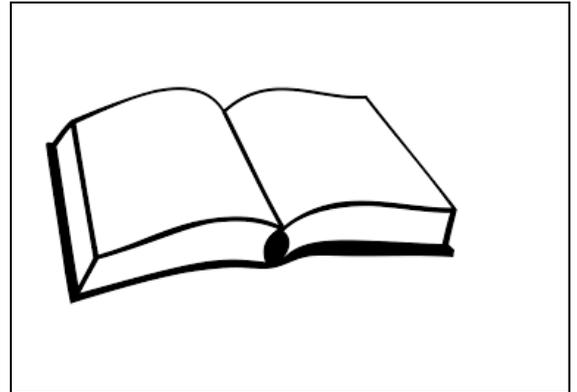
*Newsletter for 25<sup>th</sup> October 2020*

*10.00 am Mass*

*Celebrant and Preacher, Father John Wilkinson*

### **Collect**

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 and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



### **A Reading from the book of Nehemiah**

(Nehemiah 8; 1-4a, 8-12)

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength." So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, "Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved."

And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

### **Hear the Holy Gospel according to Matthew**

(Matt 24; 30-35)

Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see 'the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven' with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will

gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

#### **Post Communion Prayer**

Gracious God, 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.

**Please pray for people who are sick or in need of prayer:** Janet White, for peace and good government in Nigeria, thanksgiving for Becca and the boys, asking God to perfect Asher's health, Tony Lewis, family of George Hand, Florry Zocs.

**For those who have recently died:** George Hand

**Anniversary of death:** Mabel Thursfield

**Birthdays:** Ady Thorne

#### **Notices**

**Magazine** Articles needed for the November magazine. Please email to [parishmagazine949@gmail.com](mailto:parishmagazine949@gmail.com) or contact a member of the Ministry team.

#### **A joke to cheer you up!**

A young vicar said to his wife, "Do I put enough fire into my sermons?"  
"Darling," she replied, "I don't think you put enough of your sermons in the fire."