

PARISH OF SANDERSTEAD AND HAMSEY GREEN

PARISH PRAYER



Saturday 25th September 2021, 9am

Proclaiming Jesus, changing lives, serving our community

Today we commemorate Lancelot Andrewes (bishop of Winchester) who lived 1555 – 1626.

PSALM 125

One of the 'pilgrim' psalms as the Lord's people travelled up to Jerusalem for a major festival.

1 Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be shaken but endures forever.

**2 As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
so the Lord surrounds his people
both now and forevermore.**

3 The sceptre of the wicked will not remain
over the land allotted to the righteous,
for then the righteous might use
their hands to do evil.

**4 Lord, do good to those who are good,
to those who are upright in heart.**

5 But those who turn to crooked ways
the Lord will banish with the evildoers.
Peace be on Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever.
Amen**



Luke 9:18-27

¹⁸ Once when Jesus was praying in private and his disciples were with him, he asked them, "Who do the crowds say I am?"

¹⁹ They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, that one of the prophets of long ago has come back to life."

²⁰ "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "God's Messiah."

²¹ Jesus strictly warned them not to tell this to anyone. ²² And he said, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life."

²³ Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. ²⁴ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it. ²⁵ What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self? ²⁶ Whoever is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.

²⁷ "Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God."

PRAYERS

Prayer for Afghanistan

O God of mercy and of peace,
We hold before you the peoples of Afghanistan.
Be living bread to those who are hungry each day.
Be healing and wholeness to those who have no access to
health care amidst the ravages of pandemic.
Be their true home to all who have been displaced.
Be open arms of loving acceptance to those who fear because
of their gender, ethnicity, religious or political views.
Be peace to those engaged in armed conflict and those who live
within its shadow.
Turn our hearts and minds to your ways of just and gentle
peace,
Open our eyes to see you in all acts of compassionate care
Strengthen our hearts to step out in solidarity with your
suffering people and
Hold us all in your unfailing love.
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who emptied himself of all
but love in order to bring life in all its fullness.
Amen

CONCLUSION

COLLECT

Lord God,
who gave to Lancelot Andrewes many gifts of your Holy Spirit,
making him a man of prayer and a pastor of your people:
perfect in us that which is lacking in your gifts,
 of faith, to increase it,
 of hope, to establish it,
 of love, to kindle it,
that we may live in the light of your grace and glory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, Amen

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. Amen