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This church is financially self-supporting. Please consider making

a regular donation to the ministries of St Alban’s.

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In addition to your giving to St Alban’s Church, you are encouraged to support ACAS – l’**Association Caritative Anglicane de Strasbourg.**  The AGM for ACAS will take place on 5th of April. Come join us!

***St Alban’s Anglican Church Strasbourg***

**Third Sunday of Lent, 15th March 2020**

*The Eucharist is celebrated here every Sunday at 10.30 a.m. All are very welcome. If you are new to our church, please introduce yourself to a member of the Ministry Team.*

Hymns for today’s service:

Opening 239 Lord of all hopefulness

Offertory 339 Be thou my vision

Closing 376 I heard the voice of Jesus say

The readings for the Fourth Sunday of Lent will be

1 Samuel 16.1-13, Ephesians 5.8-14 and John 9.1-41

**TODAY’S**

**study session and discussion on**

**Guilt & Shame**

*has been postponed to another date!*

*Coffee hour has also been suspended until further notice.*

 Keep us, Good Lord,

 under the shadow of your mercy

 in this time of uncertainty and distress.

 Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,

 and lift up all who are brought low;

 that we may rejoice in your comfort

 knowing that nothing can separate us

 from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord.

 *from the Diocese of Exeter*

**Coronavirus**

Concern over the spread of the Coronavirus is growing. We at St Alban’s want to be proactive in reducing the risk of transmission within the Chaplaincy and to those in the wider community.

Please see the common sense practices that will adopt for the foreseeable future aimed at keeping our gatherings as safe as possible. These practices are posted on the board at the back of the church. Copies are also available for your study.

*Les inquiétudes concernant la propagation du coronavirus augmentent. À St Alban, nous voulons être proactifs pour réduire le risque de transmission au sein de l’aumônerie et à ceux de la communauté au sens plus large.*

*Veuillez regarder les pratiques de bon sens que nous adoptons visant à garder nos rassemblements aussi sûrs que possible. Ces pratiques sont affichées au tableau à l'arrière de l'église. Des copies sont également disponibles pour votre étude.*

**ACAS**

**Association Caritative Anglicane de Strasbourg**

**Assemblée Générale**

**le 5 avril**

*soutien aux projets au-delà de nos portes*

*rejoinez-nous !*

*support to projects beyond our doors*

*join us!*

**Bishop’s Lent Appeal 2020**

**Expanding the Bishop Hannington Academy for primary education**

**in the Anglican Diocese of Mumias, Kenya**

In 2013 the Kenyan government introduced free primary education. This has led to big increases in the numbers of children enrolled in schools. But the number of teachers has not increased and classrooms are congested. Some classes have as many as 150 pupils with students sharing desks. In other cases, a shortage of buildings means children trying to learn outside, despite the vagaries of the weather.

Aware of this challenge, the Anglican Diocese of Mumias established the Bishop Hannington Academy as their contribution towards better quality primary education in a Christian context. Their current enrolment stands at 38. The school currently consists of just one block with two classrooms, with a third room serving as the administrative wing. At present, they have three grades, Kindergarten, Grade One and Grade Two. The Diocese employs three teachers.

The Bishop and Diocese would like to expand the school and build more classrooms. It will cost 20,000 USD to build and furnish a new classroom. Very good value by Western European standards!

Our Lent Appeal could go most of the way toward assisting the Diocese of Mumbias’ mission to educate primary school children.

I wish you a holy Lent.

With every blessing,

 **+Robert Gibraltar in Europe**

*Donations to the Bishop’s Lent Appeal can be made through our*

*Treasurers or speak with fr Mark for more details.*