

Activities for the week		
Today	10.00am	Holy Communion
Tuesday 18th	12 noon	Knit 'n' Natter
	6.30 p.m.	Beaver Scouts
	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. James's,
Wednesday 19th	6.30 p.m.	Cub Scouts
	7.30 p.m.	Scouts
	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday 23rd		

Electoral Roll

The annual revision of the Electoral Roll will take place from 9th to 23rd April. If you are not on the Roll and would like to be, please see Kaaren or any member of the PCC.

APCM

At the APCM on 14th May, we will be electing members to the PCC, Churchwardens and Deanery Synod Representatives. If you feel you could serve in any of these roles, please see Philippa, a PCC member or sign the sheet at the back of church.

Change in Focus Groups

There is a change regarding the Focus Groups, which were planned for 23rd April, 7th and 21st May. The plan was to have these discussions jointly with St Peters. However, the first two sessions showed significant differences in where each church community is at. For St Peters, they are ready to think about the future and make plans for change. For St Saviours, there was significant uncertainty, frustration and pain expressed about the reality of where we are now, and the PCC has agreed that this needs exploring more before we can look to the future.

Therefore the rest of the sessions will **NOT TAKE PLACE AS PLANNED**. There will be a revised plan brought to the PCC in May, and then shared with you about the next steps.

The planned dates for Focus Groups will return to the normal service pattern of 10am Holy Communion. Please hold Philippa and the PCC in prayer as they discern what it a good plan for the next steps.

Please continue to pray for all on our prayer list: Wendy and Eric, Keretha and Simon, Pauline, Doreen, Iris, Dennis, Tracy and anyone known to you.

Sunday 16th April 2023

Second Sunday of Easter

Service: Holy Communion

Hymns:

495; 87; 355; 467

Welcome to St. Saviour's Church

(www.stsavioursfwg.org.uk)

Interim Priest-in-Charge:

Revd Canon Vaughan Pollard (*tel. 01274 883000*)

Interim Associate Minister

Revd Philippa Slingsby-Lunn (*tel. 07916 715659*)

Churchwarden:

Mrs. Grace Studholme;

Children in Church

Children are most welcome to our services.

Refreshments.

Please join us for refreshments in the hall after the service.

Please take this service sheet home with you

Collect of the Day (*2nd Sunday of Easter*)

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Acts 2.14a,22-32

On the day of Pentecost, ¹⁴ Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd,

²² 'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say:

Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know - ²³ this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴ But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power.

²⁵ For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; ²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. ²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence." ²⁹ Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne.

³¹ Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, "He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption." ³² This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.'

John 20.19-31

¹⁹ When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'

²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'

²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

²⁵ So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'

²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.'

²⁸ Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!'

²⁹ Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Post-communion (*2nd Sunday of Easter*)

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.