

Activities for the Week

Today	10.00am	Holy Communion
Tuesday 11th	12 noon	Knit & Natter
Wednesday 12th	9.30am	Holy Communion
	3.30pm	Primetime. Cook & Eat
	6.30pm	Cub & Beaver Scouts
	7.30pm	Scouts
Sunday 16th	10.00am	Service of the Word

Welcome

We welcome Revd Pete Gunstone as our celebrant and preacher this morning.

Face Coverings

The Government's Plan B requires that face coverings must be worn in places of worship.

Offertory Envelopes

Offertory envelopes for 2022 are available at the back of church.

Please pray for ...

Wendy Heywood who is having trouble with her heart. She is undergoing tests and remains cheerful.

Pauline Obank who is not at all well.

Dennis Shaw who is well but quite lonely.

Doreen Robinson who is undergoing investigations into a potentially serious condition.

Sunday 9th January 2022

Baptism of Christ

Service: Holy Communion

Hymns:

422, 401, 193, 296

Welcome to St. Saviour's Church

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Interim Priest-in-Charge:

Revd Canon Vaughan Pollard

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Churchwardens:

Mrs. Grace Studholme;

Mr. Patrick Preston

Children in Church

Children are most welcome to our services.

Refreshments.

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

Please take this service sheet home with you

Collect of the day *Baptism of Christ*

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Isaiah 43.1-7

¹ Thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³ For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴ Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. ⁵ Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; ⁶ I will say to the north, 'Give them up,' and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth - ⁷ everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

With many exhortations, John the Baptist proclaimed the good news to the people.

Alleluia!

Luke 3.15-17,21-22

In the wilderness John proclaimed a baptism of repentance.

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Post-communion

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.