Activities for the week

<u>Today</u> 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion

<u>Tuesday 2nd</u> 10.45 a.m. Holy Communion at Crossley

House

Wednesday 3rd 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion at St James

<u>Thursday 4th</u> 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer <u>Sunday 7th</u> 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion

10.30 a.m. All Age Worship

New Year Services 2018

Sunday 21st January— Epiphany 3

10.00 a.m. Parade Service with Christingle

Planned Giving Envelopes

Envelopes for 2018 are at the back of church for you to collect. Anyone who doesn't use envelopes at present but would like to start, please have a word with Patrick.

31.12.17

Happy New Year

Sunday 31st December 2017 1st Sunday of Christmas

Service: Holy Communion

Hymns

33; 364; 422; 513 & 525; 388

Welcome to St. Saviour's Church

(www.stsavioursfwg.org.uk)

Vicar:

The Revd. Dorothy Stewart

Churchwardens:

Mrs. Grace Studholme; Mr. Patrick Preston

Children in Church

Refreshments.

Please join us for refreshments in the hall after the service

Please take this service sheet home with you



Collect of the Day

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Isaiah 61.10 - 62.3

¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹ For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. ¹ For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. ² The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. ³ You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Galatians 4.4-7

⁴ When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. ⁶ And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' ⁷ So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia

Mary treasured these things and pondered them in her heart.

Alleluia

Luke 2.15-21

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' ¹⁶ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.

²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. ²¹ After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Post-communion

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.