Activities for the week

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ADVENT and CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2017

17. 12. 2017 Advent 3

10.00 am. Parade Service with Nativity

21. 12. 2017

6.00 pm Service of Readings and Carols.

24. 12. 2017 Advent 4 Christmas Eve

10.00 am Crib Service with Eucharist

11.00 pm Midnight Mass

25. 12. 2017 Christmas Day

10.00 am. Christmas Day Mass.

21.01.2018 Epiphany 3

10.00 am Parade Service with Christingle



Service: Said Holy Communion

Hymns

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

Children are most welcome to our services. There is a children's corner at the back of church, with books, toys and colouring sheets for those children too young to sit in the pews.

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, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever

1 Corinthians 1.3-9

My brothers and sisters:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind - ⁶ just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you - ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸ He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his path straight, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia

Mark 13.24-37

Jesus said to his disciples:

²⁴ 'In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and

the moon will not give its light, ²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶ Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. ²⁷ Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. ²⁸ From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰ Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place.

³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³² But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴ It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵ Therefore, keep awake - for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶ or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly.

³⁷ And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

Post-communion

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Carol Singing

There are two opportunities for a bit of outreach in the offing. Firstly, **on Wednesday, 13th December** we will join people from St James who are carol singing at Crossley House. Then on **Saturday, 16th December** we will again be singing carols in Morrison's with St James. Everyone is invited to join in. You know the tunes.

Children's Society boxes

Please can anyone with a collecting box for the Children's Society bring it in to church this month for emptying.

Another Christmas Tree Festival

St Peters, Allerton are holding a Christmas Tree Festival next weekend and will be open on Saturday from 10.00 till 4.00 and 11.00 till 3.00 on Sunday.

Christmas Flowers

Kaaren would be most grateful for any contributions towards the cost of flowers for Christmas.

Box Tree Cottage

There is a box at the back of church for Christmas gifts suitable for the residents of Box Tree Cottage. They will be much appreciated.

Donation

The PCC is most grateful for the anonymous donation of $\pounds 1000$ towards the recent upgrade of the lights and electrics in church. 3.12.17