

Welcome

We welcome the Revd. Catherine Barnard as our Preacher and Celebrant this morning.

Baby News!

Congratulations to Philippa and Ned who welcomed baby Hugo on 2nd January. He weighed in at 7lb 3oz and mother and baby are well (no news of Ned!)

Christmas Carol Service Stalls

Thank you to all who supported the carol service and the event afterwards. Especial thanks to the Scout Group for the hard work they put in to produce it. We raised the splendid sum of £217.50 at the stalls afterwards.

Pillar Box

Thank you for your contributions towards the pillar box. We raised £50 for Martin House

Please pray for all on our prayer list: Dermot, Eric and Wendy, Doreen, Ivan, Pauline, Tracy, Keretha and Simon, Billy, John and anyone known to you

Activities for the week

Today	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
Tuesday 14th	12 noon	Knit'n'Natter
	6.00 p.m.	Beaver Scouts
Wednesday 15th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion at St. James's
	2.45 p.m.	Prime Time Junior
	6.30 p.m.	Cub Scouts
	7.30 p.m.	Scouts and Explorers
Sunday 19th	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion

Sunday 12th January 2025

Baptism of Christ

Service: Holy Communion

46; 111; 148; 522

Welcome to St. Saviour's Church

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Interim Priest-in-Charge:

Vacant

Assistant Curate

Revd. Daniel Furlong (tel: 07749 941348)

Churchwardens:

Mrs. Grace Studholme; Mr. John Ratnik

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 (*Baptism of Christ*)

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

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.'

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 (*Baptism of Christ*)

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.