

Welcome

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

Wednesday Communion

There will be a service of Communion at St. James's at 9.30 a.m. on New Year's Day.

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

Sunday 29th December 2024

First Sunday of Christmas

Service: Holy Communion

486; 491; 439: 283

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 (*First Sunday of Christmas*)

God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Colossians 3.12-17

¹² As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Luke 2.41-52

⁴¹ Every year the parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴² And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³ When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it.

⁴⁴ Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him.

⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

⁴⁸ When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.'

⁴⁹ He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?'

⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he said to them.

⁵¹ Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

Post Communion (*First Sunday of Christmas*)

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.

Activities for the week

Today	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
Wednesday 1st	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion at St. James's
Sunday 5th	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion