Welcome

We welcome back the Revd. Pam Coles as our preacher and celebrant this morning

Carol Service

Our wonderful Scout group will again be leading our Carol service on Wednesday 18th December from 6.30 p.m. As before, we are having refreshments in the hall afterwards and a few stalls to raise much needed funds for church. There will be a raffle, tombola and cake stall. so donations towards these would be most welcome.

R.I. P Audrey Gransbury

It is with sadness we have learned of the death of Audrey Gransbury. She passed away peacefully in the early hours of Wednesday morning at Crossley House Care Home. Funeral details later.

Leaflets

There are some leaflets at the back of church advertising events we hold at church. Please take some to deliver to neighbours and local addresses if you are able.

Christmas Pillar Box

The pillar box will be in church throughout Advent. Any donations will be sent to the Martin House Hospice.

Ings Way Lunch Day

The next Lunch Day will be on Wednesday 11th December from 11.30 a.m. There will be a Christmas theme, including a quiz! Please come and join us for this free meal.

Planned Giving Envelopes

The envelopes for 2025 are at the back of church. Please take yours. If there isn't one for you and you would like one, please see Hilary.

Councillors' Surgery

The councillors for Clayton and Fairweather Green are holding a surgery in our hall on Saturday 14th December from 10.00 to 11.00 a.m. Do come and talk to them if you have any issues you would like to raise.

Sunday 8th December 2024

Second Sunday of Advent

Service: Holy Communion

Hymns:

24; 296; 212; 571

Welcome to St. Saviour's Church

(www.stsavioursfwg.org.uk)

Interim Priest-in-Charge: Vacant

Interim Associate Minister Revd Philippa Slingsby-Lunn (tel.07916 715659) Assistant Curate Revd. Daniel Furlong (tel: 07749 941348) Churchwardens:

Mrs. Grace Studholme; Mr. John Ratnik

Refreshments Please join us for refreshments in the hall after this service *Please take this service sheet home with you*

Collect of the Day (Second Sunday of Advent)

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.

1 Samuel 2:1-10

Hannah prayed and said,

¹ My heart exults in the Lord; my strength is exalted in my God. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in my victory. ² 'There is no Holy One like the Lord, no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God. ³Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.

⁴ The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble gird on strength.

⁵ Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry are fat with spoil. The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn. ⁶ The Lord kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up. ⁷ The Lord makes poor and makes rich; he brings low, he also exalts. ⁸ He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honour. For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and on them he has set the world.

⁹ 'He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness; for not by might does one prevail. ¹⁰ The Lord! His adversaries shall be shattered; the Most High will thunder in heaven. The Lord will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king, and exalt the power of his anointed.'

Post Communion (Second Sunday of Advent)

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Activities for the week

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	Today	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
	Monday 9th	11.00 a.m.	Visit by Crossley Hall School
	Tuesday 10th	12 noon	Knit 'n' Natter
		6.00 p.m.	Beaver Scouts
	Wednesday 11th	9.30am	Holy Communion
		11.30 a.m.	Ings Way Lunch Day
		2.45 p.m.	Prime Time Junior
		6.30 p.m.	Cub Scouts
		7.30 p.m.	Scouts and Explorers
	Saturday 14th	10.00 a.m.	Councillors' surgery in the hall
		1.00 p.m.	Private booking - Christmas Market
	Sunday 15th	10.00a.m.	Holy Communion