

<b>Activities for the week</b>		
Today	10.00am	Holy Communion
Tuesday 25th	12 noon	Knit 'n' Natter
	6.30 p.m.	Beaver Scouts
Wednesday 26th	9.30am	Holy Communion
	6.30 p.m.	Cub Scouts
	7.30 p.m.	Scouts
Sunday 30th	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion

#### **Electoral Roll**

Today is the last day for inclusion on the Electoral Roll before the APCM. If you are not on the Roll and would like to be, please see Kaaren or any member of the PCC.

#### **APCM**

At the APCM on 14th May, we will be electing members to the PCC, Churchwardens and Deanery Synod Representatives. If you feel you could serve in any of these roles, please see Philippa, a PCC member or sign the sheet at the back of church.

#### **Change in Focus Groups**

There is a change regarding the Focus Groups, which were planned for 23rd April, 7th and 21st May. The plan was to have these discussions jointly with St Peters. However, the first two sessions showed significant differences in where each church community is at. For St Peters, they are ready to think about the future and make plans for change. For St Saviours, there was significant uncertainty, frustration and pain expressed about the reality of where we are now, and the PCC has agreed that this needs exploring more before we can look to the future.

Therefore the rest of the sessions will **NOT TAKE PLACE AS PLANNED**. There will be a revised plan brought to the PCC in May, and then shared with you about the next steps.

The planned dates for Focus Groups will return to the normal service pattern of 10am Holy Communion. Please hold Philippa and the PCC in prayer as they discern what it a good plan for the next steps.

**Please continue to pray for all on our prayer list:** Wendy and Eric, Keretha and Simon, Pauline, Doreen, Iris, Dennis, Tracy and anyone known to you.

# Sunday 23rd April 2023

## Third Sunday of Easter

**Service: Holy Communion**

**Hymns:**

**25; 280; 60; 15**

### Welcome to St. Saviour's Church

([www.stsavioursfwg.org.uk](http://www.stsavioursfwg.org.uk))

**Interim Priest-in-Charge:**

Revd Canon Vaughan Pollard (*tel. 01274 883000*)

**Interim Associate Minister**

Revd Philippa Slingsby-Lunn (*tel. 07916 715659*)

**Churchwarden:**

Mrs. Grace Studholme;

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**Children in Church**

Children are most welcome to our services.

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**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 Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## Acts 2.14a,36-41

On the day of Pentecost, <sup>14</sup> Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd,

<sup>36</sup> 'Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

<sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?'

<sup>38</sup> Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.'

<sup>40</sup> And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' <sup>41</sup> So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added to their number.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, **alleluia.**

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

**Alleluia!**

## Luke 24.13-35

<sup>13</sup> On that same day, two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

<sup>17</sup> And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad.

<sup>18</sup> Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?'

<sup>19</sup> Jesus asked them, 'What things?'

They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see Jesus.'

<sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?'

<sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them.

<sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized Jesus; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?'

<sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup> They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!'

<sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

## Post-communion

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.