

## Welcome

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

### Coming up in September - How to share our stories of faith

You might remember that, as part of our Focus Group discussions earlier this year, we agreed that it would be good to think through how we can share our faith stories. It's not always easy to know what to say, or how to share our stories of faith. But one of the ways our church will grow is through sharing our faith stories, so we're going to take a few weeks to think and have some training on this! Revd. Sharon Bavington (curate at Fountains Church, Bradford) is coming to help us.

**Sunday 8th September** 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion as normal, with Revd Sharon preaching on "Sharing our stories of faith"

**Sundays 15th & 22nd September** - EARLY 9.30 a.m SAID service of Holy Communion, followed by a discussion group from 10.15- 11.15

If you can, please pop these dates in your diary and come along

### Feedback, please!

At our Focus Groups we discussed various changes we would like to try. Philippa has implemented a few of these and would like to know your thoughts. What do you like about the screen, the music, the service etc? What don't you like:? What would you like to keep/change? Please email, phone or speak to Philippa directly.

### RIP Revd. John Bearpark

It is with sadness we have learned of the death of Revd. John Bearpark, who was incumbent here from 1967-1977. We have no further details at present.

### Activities for the week

Today	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
Tuesday 27th	12 noon	Knit 'n' Natter
Wednesday 28th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
Saturday 31st	3.00 p.m.	Private booking
Sunday 1st	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion

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

# Sunday 25th August 2024

## Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

*Abraham 2: Dare you ask?*

### Service: Holy Communion

#### Hymns:

81; 379; 500; 508

## Welcome to St. Saviour's Church

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

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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** (*Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity*)

Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Genesis 18: 16-33**

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre

<sup>16</sup> Then the men set out from there, and they looked towards Sodom; and Abraham went with them to set them on their way.

<sup>17</sup> The Lord said, 'Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, <sup>18</sup> seeing that Abraham shall become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?

<sup>19</sup> No, for I have chosen him, that he may charge his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing righteousness and justice; so that the Lord may bring about for Abraham what he has promised him.'

The Lord said 'How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! <sup>21</sup> I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.'

<sup>22</sup> So the men turned from there, and went towards Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD.

<sup>23</sup> Then Abraham came near and said,

'Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?

<sup>24</sup> Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup> Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?'

<sup>26</sup> And the LORD said, 'If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.'

<sup>27</sup> Abraham answered, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. <sup>28</sup> Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?'

And he said, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.'

<sup>29</sup> Again Abraham spoke to the Lord, 'Suppose forty are found there.'

He answered, 'For the sake of forty I will not do it.'

<sup>30</sup> Then Abraham said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.' The Lord answered, 'I will not do it, if I find thirty there.'

<sup>31</sup> Abraham said, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.'

The Lord answered, 'For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.'

<sup>32</sup> Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.'

The Lord answered, 'For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.'

<sup>33</sup> And the Lord went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham; and Abraham returned to his place.

**Post Communion** (*Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity*)

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord.