

Welcome

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

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The annual meeting will be held on Sunday 12th May, following the morning service (there will be time for a coffee!) We have 3 vacancies on the PCC, so if you would like to stand for election, please sign the sheet at the back of church.

Council Elections

Our church hall will again be used as a polling station for the upcoming elections on Thursday 2nd May. Please note that **NO OTHER** activity is allowed in any part of the building that day.

Ascension Day - 9th May

There will be a joint service for the 4 churches on Thursday 9th May at 7.30 p.m. here at St. Saviour's. Offers to serve refreshments would be welcome..

A "Thank You"!

Following the visit by ACE Cultural Tours to our church, we have received the following thank you message: *"I'd like to send a message to Revd. Philippa and her parishioners who greeted us so warmly on our visit, literally so with the heating on and tea and coffee on offer. It was a most enjoyable occasion, and everyone was fascinated to see the church interior. We will be running the tour again in 2025 so hope to return with a new group, with best wishes, Alan Powers"*

Hymn List

During the Focus Groups, hymns and music played a large part in the discussion on our worship. Consequently, we have made a list of all the hymns in our hymnbook and ask you to take a copy and put a tick against all those you know (not necessarily like!) and a star against those which are your favourites. We will then compile a master list of those which are most well-known and those which are the most popular and work from those. Many hymns have more than one tune associated with them; it's not possible to list all those, but the different tunes we have used most often are listed. These can be identified by typing the tune name into YouTube, or there is a CD with them all on which we will play for you if you ask. Please indicate, again, which tune you know and which you prefer. Please return your sheets to Philippa or Hilary by **Sunday 30th June** at the latest (sooner would be good!) Many thanks!

Sunday 28th April 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Service: Holy Communion

Hymns:

56; 560; 442; 405

Welcome to St. Saviour's Church

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Interim Priest-in-Charge:

Vacant

Interim Associate Minister

Revd Philippa Slingsby-Lunn (tel.07916 715659)

Interim 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 (*Fifth Sunday of Easter*)

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Acts 8.26-40

²⁶ An angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷ So he got up and went.

Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸ and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.'

³⁰ So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?'

³¹ He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him.

³² Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. ³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.'

³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?'

³⁵ Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus.

³⁶ As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?'

³⁸ He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.

³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.

⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

John 15.1-8

Jesus said to his disciples:

¹ I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. ² He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³ You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.

⁶ Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.'

Post-communion (*Fifth Sunday of Easter*)

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Activities for the week

Today	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
Tuesday 30th	12 noon	Knit 'n' Natter
	6.30 p.m.	Beaver Scouts
Wednesday 1st	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion at St. James's
	3.00 p.m.	PrimeTime Junior
	6.30 p.m.	Cub Scouts
	7.30 p.m.	Scouts & Explorers
Thursday 2nd	6.30 a.m.	Polling station
Sunday 5th	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion

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