

<b>Activities for the week</b>		
Today	10.00am	Holy Communion & Baptism
Monday 30th	7.00pm	Prayer Walk from St Saviours
Tuesday 31st	12.00noon	Knit & Natter
	7.00pm	Prayer Walk from St Johns, Clayton
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> Jn	9.30am	Holy Communion at St James
	7.00pm	Prayer Walk from St Francis Village Hall
Thursday 2nd	4.30pm	Prayer Gathering at St Peters
	7.00pm	Prayer Walk from St James
Sunday 5th	10.00am	Holy Communion

### **Welcome**

On the occasion of his Baptism, we welcome Jaroslav Leo Gazi with his family and friends.

### **Archdeacon's Visitation**

The Archdeacon's Visitation, when churchwardens are sworn into office, will be held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00pm at Fountains Church in the city centre.

Keretha would like to share the good news that her husband, Simon, finally came home last week after 4 months in hospital. She is so grateful to everyone at church for their support, and would like to say a big thank you particularly for your prayers. Thank you!

### **Please pray for ...**

Wendy Heywood who is having trouble with her heart. She is still having tests and remains cheerful.

Dennis Shaw who is well but quite lonely.

Doreen Robinson who is waiting for a cataract operation before her treatment can begin.

Simon Willis who is now home from hospital

# **Sunday 29th May 2022**

## **Sunday after Pentecost**

**Service: Holy Communion & Baptism**

**Hymns:**

**167; 206; 94; 494**

## **Welcome to St. Saviour's Church**

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**Interim Priest-in-Charge:**

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

**Interim Associate Minister**

Revd Philippa Slingsby-Lunn *(tel. 01274 491379)*

**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**          *Sunday after Ascension Day*

O God the king of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### **Psalm 97**

The LORD is king! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad! Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

Fire goes before him, and consumes his adversaries on every side.

His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles.

The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the Lord of all the earth.

The heavens proclaim his righteousness; and all the peoples behold his glory. All worshipers of images are put to shame, those who make their boast in worthless idols; all gods bow down before him.

Zion hears and is glad, and the towns of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments, O God.

For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

The LORD loves those who hate evil; he guards the lives of his faithful; he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.

Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.

Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!

### **Jesus' baptism – from the Lion Storyteller Bible**

John was shouting. John was shouting in the wilderness.

‘God is sending Someone Special!’ he shouted, ‘and you’d better get ready to meet him’.

Many people listened to John. They thought that he was someone special. He lived in the wilderness, after all, by the River Jordan. He wore a scratchy camel-hair shirt. And he ate locusts for lunch!

‘I’m not the Special One,’ John shouted. ‘Why, I’m not even special enough to stoop down and undo his sandals. No, I’m just here to help you

get ready to meet him.’

‘And how do we do that?’ someone shouted back.

‘You repent!’ John shouted. ‘That’s how! You stop doing what’s bad and you start doing what’s good. If you meet a poor man, you don’t tell him to go away – you give him food and clothes. If you’re a tax collector, you don’t take more than you’re supposed to – you’re honest and kind. And if you’re a soldier, you don’t bully people – you protect them and take care of them.’

‘And what about us?’ shouted some Very Religious People.

‘You,’ John shouted, louder than ever, ‘need to stop pretending that you’re perfect – and admit that you have done things that make God sad! I’ll say it again – God is sending Someone Special! And you - all of you – need to get ready to meet him. So come, let me dip you in this river to show God that you want your lives to change.’

The people came. John dipped them in the river. And then, one day, when all the shouting and dipping was done, someone else came, too.

It was Jesus. Thirty years old now and all grown up. John recognised him right away, and stopped his shouting.

‘You’re the Special One, aren’t you?’ he whispered. And Jesus just smiled.

‘That’s right,’ Jesus said. ‘And I want you to dip me, too.’

‘Oh no,’ John said. ‘It should be the other way around!’

‘Listen,’ said Jesus. ‘It’s time I began the work I was sent to do. And this is how my Father wants me to get started.’

So John agreed, and he and Jesus waded out into the water. John dipped Jesus in the river, and when he came back up again, shaking the wet hair from his eyes, the clouds parted and a dove landed on Jesus’ shoulder. It was a sign that God was with Jesus.

‘Well done, Son,’ God said. ‘I’m proud of you. You really are Someone Very Special.’

### **Post-communion**

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.