

Activities for the week		
Today	10.00am	Holy Communion
Tuesday 2nd	12 noon	Knit 'n' Natter
	6.30 p.m.	Beaver Scouts
	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. James's
Wednesday 3rd	3.00 p.m.	Cook and Eat
	6.30 p.m.	Cub Scouts
	7.30 p.m.	Scouts
Thursday 4th	6.30 a.m.	Council Elections
Sunday 7th	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
	2.00 p.m.	Coronation events at the Conservative Club

Welcome

We welcome the Revd. John Bavington as our preacher and celebrant this morning.

Council Elections

Our hall will be in use as a polling station all day on Thursday 4th May. No other activities are allowed in the building that day.

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 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. St Peters 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 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.

Normal services at 10.00 a.m. will take place on planned Focus days. Please hold Philippa and the PCC in prayer as they plan for the next steps.

Sunday 30th April 2023

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Service: Holy Communion

Hymns:

9; 3; 484; 13

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. 07916 715659)*

Churchwarden:

Mrs. Grace Studholme;

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 (*Fourth Sunday of Easter*)

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Acts 8:14-24

¹⁴ When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵ The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit

¹⁶ (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷ Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

¹⁸ Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money, ¹⁹ saying, 'Give me also this power so that anyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit.'

²⁰ But Peter said to him, 'May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain God's gift with money! ²¹ You have no part or share in this, for your heart is not right before God. ²² Repent therefore of this wickedness of yours, and pray to the Lord that, if possible, the intent of your heart may be forgiven you. ²³ For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and the chains of wickedness.'

²⁴ Simon answered, 'Pray for me to the Lord, that nothing of what you have said may happen to me.'

Matthew 4:1-11

¹ Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he

was famished.

³ The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.'

⁴ But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' "

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him,

⁶ 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you," and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' "

⁷ Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; ⁹ and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.'

¹⁰ Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.' "

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Post-communion (*Fourth Sunday after Easter*)

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

Thy Kingdom Come

Thy Kingdom Church is a global ecumenical prayer movement inviting Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus. Since it began in May 2016, God has grown TKC into a movement which unites more than a million Christians in prayer, in nearly 90% of countries worldwide, across 85 different denominations and traditions- so that friends and family, neighbours and colleagues might come to faith in Jesus Christ. During this season, every person, household and church are encouraged to pray that their friends, neighbours and communities would come to know Jesus. Here at St Saviours, we are hosting the following things:

Thursday 18th May, 7pm – Ascension Day Service. A joint service for the 4 parishes in West Bradford.

Tuesday 23rd, 2pm – Prayer Walk Fairweather Green. For anyone to come and walk round some of Fairweather Green and pray for it.

Sunday 28th, 7pm – Pentecost Praise Service at St James. A joint service for the 4 parishes in West Bradford.

Like last year, there will be Prayer Journals available at church to take home and use to help us pray.