

Welcome

We welcome the Revd. Catherine Barnard as our preacher and celebrant this morning.

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.

Ings Way Lunch Day

The Lunch Day will take place on Wednesday 10th May from 11.30 a.m. Do please come and join us for free homemade soup, sandwiches, biscuits, tea and coffee - and there might even be a Quiz!

Trip

Lucinda, the group's Mission Apprentice, is considering organising an outing if there is enough support. Please can you sign the sheet at the back of church if you would be interested in a mini-bus trip to the seaside or somewhere at some future date.

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 7th May 2023

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Service: Holy Communion

Hymns:

77; 221; 87; 372; 177

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 (*Fifth Sunday of Easter*)

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, bless our Sovereign Lord, King Charles, and all who are in authority under him; that they may order all things in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace, to the honour of your name, and the good of your Church and people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Acts 7.55-60

Standing before the high priest and the council, ⁵⁵ Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!'

⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him.

⁵⁸ Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.

⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.'

⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, **Alleluia!**

'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'

Alleluia!

John 14.1-14

Jesus said to his disciples:

¹ 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.

² In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going.'

⁵ Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?'

⁶ Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one

comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

⁸ Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.'

⁹ Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"?''

¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'

Collect of the Day (*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 with us, now and forever.

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

Activities for the week

Today	10.00am	Holy Communion
	2.00 p.m.	Coronation events at the Conservative Club
Tuesday 9th	12 noon	Knit 'n' Natter
	6.30 p.m.	Beaver Scouts
Wednesday 10th	9.30am	Holy Communion
	11.30 a.m.	Ings Way Lunch Day
	3.00 p.m.	Cook and Eat
	6.30 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Sunday 14th	7.30 p.m.	Scouts
	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
	11.15 a.m.	APCM in the Hall

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.