

Welcome

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

Harvest Festival

As last year, the Scout Group will be leading our Harvest Celebrations on Wednesday 11th October from 6.30 p.m. Those not able to attend are invited to bring any harvest gifts to the service on Sunday 8th or during the day from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. on Wednesday. Following the service, there will be refreshments in the hall and a cake stall and tombola. Any donations of cakes or tombola prizes will be very welcome.

Advent Calendars

Please sign the form at the back of church if you would like to order a Real Advent Calendar, which tells the Christmas story. Each calendar costs £5. Orders by 29th October, please.

Response Forms

There are some response forms at the back of church if anyone didn't get one last Sunday. Please hand them in at the end of the service.

Meditative Services

There will be a series of short, meditative services at St. John's entitled "Be still, and know that I am God" on Sundays 29th October and 26th November at 6.30 p.m.

Thursday morning prayers

There will be a weekly t-me of prayer for the 4 parishes in our group on Thursday mornings, 9am on zoom. All welcome to join. Use login: 996-9646-3899, password: 662291. Or link: <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/99696463899?pwd=NzZFNjVIYUtQQm50MHVSQUhNQ2twZz09>. Pick up a prayer booklet in church to use as we pray.

Focus Group Update

If you would like a reminder of what we talked about last month, please see the noticeboard at the back of church, or take away a summary sheet. Please also take one of the question sheets for next month from the noticeboard, as it helps us to think through things ahead of time.

Dates for your diary - 22nd October; 26th November; 28th January. 10.00 a.m. start; 11.15 a.m. finish - come early for Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m.

The service before the **October** meeting will be a **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

Sunday 8th October 2023

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Service: Holy Communion

Hymns:

524; 138; 423; 354

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 (*18th Sunday after Trinity*)

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Philippians 3.4b-14

⁴ If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, ⁹ not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith.

¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 21.33-46

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people:

³³ 'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another.

³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way.

³⁷ Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son."

³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance."

³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?'

⁴¹ They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.'

⁴² Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"?' ⁴³ Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.'

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Post Communion (*18th Sunday after Trinity*)

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever.

Activities for the week

Today	10.00am	Holy Communion
Tuesday 10th	12 noon	Knit 'n' Natter
Wednesday 11th	9.30am	Holy Communion
	11.30 a.m.	Ings Way Lunch Day
	3.00 p.m.	Cook & Eat
	6.30 p.m.	Harvest Festival
Sunday 15th	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion

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