

<b>Activities for the week</b>	
<u>Today</u>	10.00a.m. Holy Communion
<u>Tuesday 12th</u>	12noon Knit and Natter 7.30p.m. Adult Tap Dancing
<u>Wednesday 13th</u>	9.30a.m. Holy Communion 11.00a.m. Carol singing at Crossley House 11.30a.m. Ingsway lunchday 6.15p.m. Cub Scouts
<u>Thursday 14th</u>	9.30a.m. Morning Prayer 6.00p.m. Beaver Scouts 7.30p.m. Scouts
<u>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup></u>	3.00-4.00p.m. Carols at Morrison's
<u>Sunday 17th</u>	10.00a.m. Holy Communion, Parade and Nativity

**ADVENT and CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2017**

- 17. 12. 2017. Advent 3** 10 am. Parade Service with Nativity  
**21. 12. 2017** 6pm Service of Readings and Carols.  
**24. 12. 2017. Advent 4 Christmas Eve** 10am Crib Service with Eucharist  
 11pm Midnight Mass  
**25. 12. 2017. Christmas Day** 10am. Christmas Day Mass.  
**21. 01. 2018. Epiphany 3** 10am Parade Service with Christingle

**Carol Singing**

There are two opportunities for a bit of outreach. Firstly, **on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December** at 11.00, we will join people from St James who are carol singing at Crossley House. Then on **Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> December** we will again be singing carols in Morrison's with St James from 3.00 till 4.00. Everyone is invited to join in. You know the tunes.

**Pillar Box**

The pillar box is out again. Donations this year will be split between Martin House and Children in Need.

**Another Christmas Tree Festival**

St Peters, Allerton, are holding a Christmas Tree Festival this weekend and will be open today from 11.00 till 3.00.

**Christmas Flowers**

Kaaren would be most grateful for any contributions towards the cost of flowers for Christmas.

**Box Tree Cottage**

There is a box at the back of church for Christmas gifts suitable for the residents of Box Tree Cottage. They will be much appreciated.

# Sunday 10th December 2017

## 2nd Sunday of Advent

**Service: Holy Communion**

**Hymns**

**473; 125; 401; 318 & 52; 209**

## Welcome to St. Saviour's Church

([www.stsavioursfwg.org.uk](http://www.stsavioursfwg.org.uk))

**Vicar:**

The Revd. Dorothy Stewart

**Churchwardens:**

Mrs. Grace Studholme; Mr. Patrick Preston  
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**Children in Church**

Children are most welcome to our services. There is a children's corner at the back of church, with books, toys and colouring sheets for those children too young to sit in the pews.  
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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

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

## Isaiah 40.1-11

<sup>1</sup> Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. <sup>2</sup> Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

<sup>3</sup> A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. <sup>4</sup> Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. <sup>5</sup> Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.'

<sup>6</sup> A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. <sup>7</sup> The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. <sup>8</sup> The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. <sup>9</sup> Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' <sup>10</sup> See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. <sup>11</sup> He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

## 2 Peter 3.8-15a

<sup>8</sup> Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. <sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. <sup>10</sup> But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be

disclosed. <sup>11</sup> Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>12</sup> waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? <sup>13</sup> But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. <sup>14</sup> Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; <sup>15</sup> and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, **Alleluia**

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his path straight, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

**Alleluia**

## Mark 1.1-8

<sup>1</sup> The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. <sup>2</sup> As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; <sup>3</sup> the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,"' <sup>4</sup> John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup> And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup> Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals.

<sup>8</sup> I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

## Post-communion

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.