

<b>Activities for the week</b>		
Today	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
	3.00 p.m.	Act of Remembrance, Ladyhill Park
Tuesday 14th	12 noon	Knit and Natter
	7.30 p.m.	Adult Tap Dancing
Wednesday 15th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion at St. James's
	6.15 p.m.	Cub Scouts
	7.30 p.m.	PCC Meeting at the Vicarage
Thursday 16th	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	6.00 p.m.	Beaver Scouts
	7.30 p.m.	Scouts
Sunday 19th	10.00 a.m.	Parade and Family Communion

**ADVENT and CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2017**

03. 12. 2017.	<b>Advent Sunday</b>	
	9.30 a.m.	Said Communion.
	10.30 a.m.	All Age worship
17. 12. 2017.	<b>Advent 3</b>	
	10.00 am.	Parade Service with Nativity
21. 12. 2017	6.00 p.m.	Service of Readings and Carols.
24. 12. 2017.	<b>Advent 4 Christmas Eve</b>	
	10.0 a.m.	Crib Service with Eucharist
	11.00 p.m.	Midnight Mass
25. 12. 2017	<b>Christmas Day</b>	
	10.00 a.m.	Christmas Day Mass.
21. 01. 2018	<b>Epiphany 3</b>	
	10.00 a.m.	Parade Service with Christingle

# Sunday 12th November 2017

## Third Sunday before Advent/Remembrance

**Service: Holy Communion**

**Hymns**

**366; 52; 170; 289 & 222; 310**

## 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**

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the king of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### **Wisdom of Solomon 6.12-16**

<sup>12</sup> Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. <sup>13</sup> She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. <sup>14</sup> One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. <sup>15</sup> To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, <sup>16</sup> because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

### **1 Thessalonians 4.13-18**

<sup>13</sup> We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup> For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. <sup>15</sup> For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. <sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup> Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. <sup>18</sup> Therefore encourage one another with these words.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, **Alleluia**

Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to stand in confidence before the Son of Man.

**Alleluia**

### **Matthew 25.1-13**

Jesus spoke this parable to the disciples:

<sup>1</sup> "The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup> Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup> When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; <sup>4</sup> but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup> But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him."

<sup>7</sup> Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps.

<sup>8</sup> The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out."

<sup>9</sup> But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves."

<sup>10</sup> And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup> Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us."

<sup>12</sup> But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you."<sup>13</sup> Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

### **Post-communion**

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Shoebboxes**

We are again invited to prepare shoeboxes as Christmas gifts for children in deprived parts of the world, though this will be on a smaller scale than in recent years. Instructions are on leaflets at the back of church. **The deadline is today.** If you can't do a whole box, things suitable for inclusion are also most welcome.

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**Children's Society boxes**

Please can anyone with a collecting box for the Childrens Society bring it in to church this month for emptying.

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**Christmas Flowers**

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

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**Christmas Tree Festival**

St James church in Thornton are holding a Christmas Tree Festival between 25th November and 2nd December. Opening times are on the leaflet on the noticeboard in the narthex.

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**Remembrance Sunday**

There will be a service of Remembrance this afternoon at 3.00p.m. at the War Memorial in Lady Hill Park organised by Churches Together.