

Welcome

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

Carol Service

Our wonderful Scout group will again be leading our Carol service on Wednesday 18th December from 6.30 p.m. As before, we are having refreshments in the hall afterwards and a few stalls to raise much needed funds for church. There will be a raffle, tombola and cake stall. so donations towards these would be most welcome.

R.I. P Audrey Gransbury

It is with sadness we have learned of the death of Audrey Gransbury. She passed away peacefully in the early hours of Wednesday morning at Crossley House Care Home. Her funeral will be on Friday 20th December at 1.00 p.m. at Guardian Funeral care, Market Street Shipley.

Leaflets

There are some leaflets at the back of church advertising events we hold at church. Please take some to deliver to neighbours and local addresses if you are able.

Christmas Pillar Box

The pillar box will be in church throughout Advent. Any donations will be sent to the Martin House Hospice.

Planned Giving Envelopes

The envelopes for 2025 are at the back of church. Please take yours. If there isn't one for you and you would like one, please see Hilary.

Pease pray for all on our prayer list: Dermot, Eric and Wendy, Doreen, Ivan, Pauline, Tracy, Keretha and Simon, John, Billy and anyone known to you

Sunday 15th December 2024

Third Sunday of Advent

Service: Holy Communion

Hymns:

253; 471; 295; 464

Welcome to St. Saviour's Church

(www.stsavioursfwg.org.uk)

Interim Priest-in-Charge:

Vacant

Interim Associate Minister

Revd Philippa Slingsby-Lunn (tel.07916 715659)

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 this service

Please take this service sheet home with you

Collect of the Day (*Third Sunday of Advent*)

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Luke 1:26-55

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.'

²⁹ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.

³⁰ The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. ³¹ And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.'

³⁴ Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?'

³⁵ The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶ And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren.

³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God.'

³⁸ Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.'

Then the angel departed from her.

³⁹ Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰ where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴² and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³ And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴ For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. ⁴⁵ And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

⁴⁶ And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, ⁴⁸ for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. ⁵⁰ His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. ⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. ⁵² He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; ⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. ⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, ⁵⁵ according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

Post Communion (*Third Sunday of Advent*)

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

Activities for the week

Today	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
Wednesday 18th	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. James's
	2.45 p.m.	Prime Time Junior
	6.30 p.m.	Carol Service
Friday 20th	1.00 p.m.	Audrey's funeral at Shipley
Sunday 22nd	10.00a.m.	Holy Communion