

Post-communion

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

<u>Today</u>	10.00am	Holy Communion
<u>Tuesday 17th</u>	12.00noon	Knit & Natter
<u>Wednesday 18th</u>	9.30am	Holy Communion at St James
	3.30pm	Cook & Eat
	6.30pm	Carol Service & Christingle
<u>Thursday 19th</u>	9.30am	Morning Prayer
<u>Sunday 22nd</u>	10.00am	Holy Communion

Pillar Box

The Pillar Box is out again, The charity we are supporting this year is *Practical Action*. This charity supports struggling communities in developing countries with ideas for making practical items to help with their everyday lives from readily available materials.

Cook & Eat

This is an initiative for youngsters to teach them how to cook and enjoy simple food options at a cost substantially less than take-away prices. It is run by Primetime in collaboration with St Saviour's and will run at least until Easter.

Box Tree Cottage

As is our custom, we are collecting items for the men of Box Tree Cottage for Christmas. Toiletries and scarves or gloves would be most welcome.

Food Bank

The Food Bank is busy at this time of year and contributions to their stocks will be much appreciated.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND EVENTS

Sunday 15th December	10.00am	Holy Communion
Wednesday 18th December	6.30pm	Carols & Christingle
Sunday 22nd December	10.00am	Holy Communion
Tuesday 24th December	11.00pm	Midnight Mass
Wednesday 25th December	10.00am	Family Communion
Sunday 29th December	10.00am	Holy Communion

Sunday 15th December 2019

3rd Sunday of Advent

Service: Holy Communion

Hymns

358, 566, 471, - 467

Welcome to St. Saviour's Church

(www.stsavioursfwg.org.uk)

Vicar:

The Revd. Dorothy Stewart

Churchwardens:

Mrs. Grace Studholme; Mr. Patrick Preston

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.

Refreshments.

Please join us for refreshments in the hall after the service

Collect of the Day *Advent 3*

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Isaiah 35.1-10

¹ The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, ² and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. ³ Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. ⁴ Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.'

⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶ then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. ⁸ A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. ⁹ No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. ¹⁰ And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

James 5.7-10

⁷ Be patient, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸ You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. ⁹ Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! ¹⁰ As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

Blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.

Alleluia!

Matthew 11.2-11

² When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³ and said to Jesus, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?'

⁴ Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵ the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶ And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'

⁷ As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸ What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. ⁹ What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰ This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you."

¹¹ Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.'