

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>	10.00a.m. Holy Communion
<u>Tuesday 18th</u>	11.00a.m. Carols at Crossley House 12noon Knit & Natter 7.30p.m. Adult Tap Dancing
<u>Wednesday 19th</u>	9.30a.m. Holy Communion at St James 6.30p.m. Readings and Carols
<u>Thursday 20th</u>	9.30a.m. Morning Prayer 6.00p.m. Beavers 7.30p.m. Scouts
<u>Sunday 23rd</u>	10.00a.m. Holy Communion

Christmas Services and Events

Tuesday 18 th Dec	11.00a.m. Carol singing at Crossley House with St James **
Weds. 19 th Dec	6.30p.m. Carol Service in church
Sunday 23 rd Dec	10.00a.m. Holy Communion
Monday 24 th Dec	11.00p.m. Midnight Communion
Tuesday 25 th Dec	10.00a.m. Holy Communion

** All are welcome to come and join in. No voice test needed

Christmas Flowers

Kaaren would be very grateful for any donations towards the Christmas flowers.

The 'flower ladies' are planning to meet on Thursday, 20th December to prepare the arrangements for Christmas.

Planned giving envelopes

Planned giving envelopes for next year are now available at the back of Church.

Children's Society Boxes

It's time to have your Children's Society box emptied and counted. If you have a box, can you please let Patrick have it so it can be passed on to Val Muff for processing.

Sunday 16th December 2018

3rd Sunday of Advent

Service: Holy Communion

Hymns

193, 319, 196, -, 567

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

Please take this service sheet home with you

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.

Zephaniah 3.14-end

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!

The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it.

I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes.

Philippians 4.4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your

hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

Alleluia!

Luke 3.7-18

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, ‘You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, “We have Abraham as our ancestor”; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.’

And the crowds asked him, ‘What then should we do?’ In reply he said to them, ‘Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.’ Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, ‘Teacher, what should we do?’ He said to them, ‘Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.’ Soldiers also asked him, ‘And we, what should we do?’ He said to them, ‘Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.’

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, ‘I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.