

grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### Activities for the week

Today \_\_\_\_\_ 10.00am Holy Communion  
Tuesday 24th 11.00pm Midnight Eucharist  
Wednesday 25th 10.00am Family Communion  
Sunday 29th 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.

#### 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 22<sup>nd</sup> December 10.00am Holy Communion  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 11.00pm Midnight Mass  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December 10.00am Family Communion  
Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December 10.00am Holy Communion

# Sunday 22nd December 2019

## 4th Sunday of Advent

Service: Holy Communion

#### Hymns

403, 377, 198, - 568 (omit v.4)

## 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** *Advent 4*

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### **Isaiah 7.10-16**

<sup>10</sup> The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying,

<sup>11</sup> 'Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.'

But Ahaz said, 'I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.'

<sup>13</sup> Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? <sup>14</sup> Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. <sup>15</sup> He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. <sup>16</sup> For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.'

### **Romans 1.1-7**

<sup>1</sup> Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, <sup>2</sup> which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, <sup>3</sup> the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh <sup>4</sup> and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord. <sup>5</sup> Through Christ we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, <sup>6</sup> including

yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, <sup>7</sup> To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

You are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.

**Alleluia!**

### **Matthew 1.18-25**

<sup>18</sup> The birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. <sup>20</sup> But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.'

<sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: <sup>23</sup> 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,' which means, 'God is with us.'

<sup>24</sup> When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, <sup>25</sup> but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

### **Post-communion**

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your