

Sunday 23rd December 2018

| Activities for the week | |
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| <u>Today</u> | 10.00a.m. Holy Communion |
| <u>Monday 24th</u> | 11.00p.m. Midnight Communion |
| <u>Tuesday 25th</u> | 10.00a.m. Christmas Communion |
| <u>Wednesday 26th</u> | NO Holy Communion |
| <u>Thursday 27th</u> | 9.30a.m. Morning Prayer |
| <u>Sunday 30th</u> | 10.00a.m. Holy Communion |

Christmas Services

Sunday 20th January 10.00a.m. Parade Service with Christingle

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.

4th Sunday of Advent

Service: Holy Communion

Hymns

98, 471, 432, -, 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

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.

Micah 5.2-5a

The LORD says to his people:

² But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. ³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. ⁴ And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; ⁵ and he shall be the one of peace.

Hebrews 10.5-10

⁵ When Christ came into the world, he said, 'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; ⁶ in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings you have taken no pleasure. ⁷ Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God" (in the scroll of the book, it is written of me).'

⁸ When Christ said, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings' (these are offered according to the law), ⁹ then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰ And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of

Jesus Christ once for all.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.

Alleluia!

Luke 1.39-45

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.'

Post-communion

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.