

of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Activities for the week**

<u>Today</u>	10.00a.m.	Holy Communion
<u>Wednesday 2nd</u>	9.30a.m.	Holy Communion at St James
<u>Thursday 3rd</u>	9.30a.m.	Morning Prayer
<u>Sunday 6th</u>	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
	10.30 a.m.	NO ALL AGE WORSHIP

**Christingle Service**

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January 10.00a.m. Parade Service with Christingle

**Crossley House Care Home**

The service at Crossley House Care Home will be on Tuesday 8th January at 10.45 a.m.

**All Age Worship**

As Dorothy will be on holiday next week, there will be a standard service of Communion at 10.00 a.m. There is NO All Age Worship at 10.30 a.m.

**Sunday 30th December 2018**

**1st Sunday of Christmas**

**Service: Holy Communion**

**Hymns**

**33, 564, 422, 125 & 513, 388**

**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 *Christmas 1***

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### **1 Samuel 2.18-20,26**

<sup>18</sup> Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. <sup>19</sup> His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. <sup>20</sup> Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, 'May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD'; and then they would return to their home.

<sup>26</sup> Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the LORD and with the people.

### **Colossians 3.12-17**

<sup>12</sup> As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

<sup>13</sup> Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup> Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup>

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

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### **Luke 2.41-52**

<sup>41</sup> Every year the parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. <sup>42</sup> And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. <sup>43</sup> When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. <sup>44</sup> Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends.

<sup>45</sup> When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. <sup>46</sup> After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.

<sup>47</sup> And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

<sup>48</sup> When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.'

<sup>49</sup> He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?'

<sup>50</sup> But they did not understand what he said to them.

<sup>51</sup> Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. <sup>52</sup> And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

### **Post-communion**

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life