

Activities for the week		
<u>Today</u>	10.00am	Holy Communion
<u>Tuesday 10th</u>	12.00noon	Knit & Natter
<u>Wednesday 11th</u>	9.30am	Holy Communion
	11.30am	Ingsway Lunch Day
	3.30pm	Cook & Eat
	6.15pm	Cubs
<u>Thursday 12th</u>	7.00am	Polling Station in the hall
	9.30am	Morning Prayer in the vicarage
<u>Saturday 14th</u>	10.00 a.m.	Councillors' surgery in hall
	11.30am	Carol singing at Morrisons
<u>Sunday 15th</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.

Carol singing at Morrison's

We are carol singing at Morrison's this coming Saturday at 11.30am. We will be joining singers from St James, and all are invited to come and join in. No experience necessary, but we all know the carols, don't we?

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.

Polling Day

Our hall will be in use again as a polling station on 12th December. No other activities will be permitted in the building on that day.

Councillors' Surgery

Our local councillors will be holding a surgery in the hall on Saturday 14th December from 10.00 to 11.00 a.m.

Sunday 8th December 2019

2nd Sunday of Advent

Service: Holy Communion

Hymns

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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 2*

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Isaiah 11.1-10

¹ A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. ² The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³ His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; ⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

⁶ The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. ⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. ⁹ They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰ On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Romans 15.4-13

⁴ Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵ May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶ so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷ Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸ For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹ and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name'; ¹⁰ and again he says,

'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people'; ¹¹ and again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him'; ¹² and again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.' ¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor".

Alleluia!

Matthew 3.1-12

¹ In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ² 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' ³ This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."'

⁴ Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶ and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁷ But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?' ⁸ Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹ Do not presume 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. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Post-communion

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.