

	<b>Activities for the week</b>
<u>Today</u>	10.00a.m. Holy Communion
<u>Tuesday 11th</u>	12noon Knit & Natter 730p.m. Adult Tap Dancing
<u>Wednesday 12th</u>	9.30a.m. Holy Communion 11.30a.m. Ings Way Lunchday 6.15p.m. Cubs
<u>Thursday 13th</u>	9.30a.m. Morning Prayer 6.00p.m. Beavers 7.30p.m. Scouts
<u>Saturday 15th</u>	10.00a.m. Carol singing at Morrisons
<u>Sunday 16th</u>	10.00a.m. Holy Communion

**Christmas Services and Events**

Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11.00a.m. Carol singing at Crossley House with St James **
Weds. 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.30p.m. Carol Service in church
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	10.00a.m. Holy Communion
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11.00p.m. Midnight Communion
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> 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, 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Box Tree Cottage**

There is a box at the back of church for any gifts of toiletries and the like, suitable for the men of Box Tree Cottage.

# Sunday 9th December 2018

## 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

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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 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.

### **Malachi 3.1-4**

Thus says the Lord God:

<sup>1</sup> See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight - indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.

<sup>2</sup> But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; <sup>3</sup> he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness.

<sup>4</sup> Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

### **Philippians 1.3-11**

My brothers and sisters, <sup>3</sup> I thank my God every time I remember you, <sup>4</sup> constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, <sup>5</sup> because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup> I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup> It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup> For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup> And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight <sup>10</sup> to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure

and blameless, <sup>11</sup> having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low.

**Alleluia!**

### **Luke 3.1-6**

<sup>1</sup> In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, <sup>2</sup> during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup> He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, <sup>4</sup> as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. <sup>5</sup> Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; <sup>6</sup> and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

### **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.