Welcome

We welcome Revd. Jude Smith as our preacher and celebrant this morning.

. Advent Calendars

Please sign the form at the back of church if you would like to order a Real Advent Calendar, which tells the Christmas story. Each calendar costs $\pounds 5$. Orders by 29th October, please.

Response Forms

There are some response forms at the back of church if anyone didn't get one last Sunday. Please hand them in at the end of the service.

Meditative Services

There will be a series of short, meditative services at St. John's entitled "Be still, and know that I am God" on Sundays 29th October and 26th November at 6.30 p.m.

Thursday morning prayers

There will be a weekly t-me of prayer for the 4 parishes in our group on Thursday mornings, 9am on zoom. All welcome to join. Use login: 996-9646-3899, password: 662291. Or link: https://us05web.zoom.us/j/99696463899?pwd=NzZFNjVIYUtQQm50 MHVSQUhNQ2twZz09. Pick up a prayer booklet in church to use as we pray.

Focus Group Update

If you would like a reminder of what we talked about last month, please see the noticeboard at the back of church, or take away a summary sheet. Please also take one of the question sheets for next month from the noticeboard, as it helps us to think through things ahead of time.

Dates for your diary - 22nd October; 26th November; 28th January. 10.00 a.m. start; 11.15 a.m. finish - come early for Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m. The service before the **October** meeting will be a **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

ິ Sunday 15th October 2023ິ Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Service: Holy Communion

Hymns:

484; 26; 117; 153

Welcome to St. Saviour's Church

(www.stsavioursfwg.org.uk)

Interim Priest-in-Charge:

Vacant

Interim Associate Minister

Revd Philippa Slingsby-Lunn (tel. 07916 715659)

Interim Assistant Curate:

Revd. Daniel Furlong (tel: 07749 941348)

Churchwardens:

Children in Church

Children are most welcome to our services.

Refreshments.

Please join us for refreshments in the hall after the service.

Please take this service sheet home with you

Collect of the Day (19th Sunday after Trinity)

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Philippians 4.1-9

¹ My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. ² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Matthew 22.1-14

¹ Once more Jesus spoke to the chief priests and Pharisees in parables, saying:

² 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come.

⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet."

⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city.

⁸ Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet."

¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹ But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless.

¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.'

Post Communion (19th Sunday after Trinity)

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Activities for the week

Today	10.00am	Holy Communion
Tuesday 17th	12 noon	Knit 'n' Natter
	6.00 p.m.	Beaver Scouts
Wednesday 18th	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. James's
	3.00 p.m.	Cook & Eat
	6.30 p.m.	Cub Scouts
	7.30 p.m.	Scouts and Explorers
Sunday 22nd	9.30 a.m.	SERVICE OF THE WORD
	10.15 a.m.	Focus Grouo

Please continue to pray for all on our prayer list: Wendy and Eric; Simon and Keretha, Pauline, Doreen, Dennis, Tracy, Philippa, Dermot and anyone known to you.