Activities for the week

Today 9.30 a.m. Service of the Word

10.15 a.m. Focus Group

Tuesday 24th 12 noon Knit 'n' Natter Wednesday 25th 9.30am Holy Communion Sunday 29th 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion

6.30 p.m. Service at St. John's

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 £5. Orders by 29th October, please.

All Saints' Day

On 5th November, there will be a service at St. John's at 3.00 p.m. to remember people who have died. All are welcome. During the morning service here, there will be a slot where names of those we would like to remember will be read out and we can light a candle in their memory. Please list any names on the sheet at the back of church.

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 time 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=NzZFNjVlYUtQQm50 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.

Sunday 22nd October 2023 Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Service: Service of the Word

Hymns:

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:

Mrs. Grace Studholme

Mr. John Ratnik

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

Psalm 96.1-9

MINISTER: ¹ Sing to the LORD a new song; * sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.

ALL: ² Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; * proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

MINISTER ³ Declare his glory among the nations * and his wonders among all peoples.

ALL: ⁴ For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; * he is more to be feared than all gods.

Minister ⁵ As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; * but it is the LORD who made the heavens.

ALL: ⁶ Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! * Oh, the power and the splendour of his sanctuary!

MINISTER ⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; * ascribe to the LORD honour and power.

ALL: $^{\rm 8}$ Ascribe to the LORD the honour due his Name; * bring offerings and come into his courts.

MINISTER ⁹ Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; * let the whole earth tremble before him.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

1 Thessalonians 1.1-10

¹ From Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹ For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead - Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Matthew 22.15-22

When the chief priests and Pharisees had heard the parables, they realized that Jesus was speaking about them. ¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?'

¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax.'

And they brought him a denarius.

²⁰ Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?'

²¹ They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.'

²² When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Collect of the Day

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; 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.

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

² We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, ³ constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake.

⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit,

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