

## Welcome

We welcome the Bishop of Bradford, The Rt. Revd. Toby Howarth, as our preacher this morning.

### Harvest Festival

As last year, the Scout Group will be leading our Harvest Celebrations on Wednesday 11th October from 6.30 p.m. Those not able to attend are invited to bring any harvest gifts to the service on Sunday 8th. Following the service, there will be refreshments in the hall and a cake stall and tombola. Any donations of cakes or tombola prizes will be very welcome.

### . 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.

### 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 24th September, 29th October and 26th November at 6.30 p.m.

### Thursday morning prayers

Across the 4 parishes in West Bradford, Philippa, Harry and Daniel have been thinking about how we pray regularly for each parish. We are starting short weekly prayers on Thursday mornings, 9am on zoom. All welcome to join us. Use login: 996-9646-3899, password: 662291. Or link: <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/99696463899?pwd=NzZFNjVIYUUtQQm50MHVSQUhNQ2twZz09>. Pick up a prayer booklet in church to use as we pray.

### Focus Group Update

Thank you to those who were part of this month's Focus Group discussion. If you weren't there or would like a reminder of what we talked about, please see the noticeboard at the back of church, or take away a summary sheet. There are take-home questions each month, to help us prepare for the next group, so please do take one from the noticeboard, as it helps us to be thinking through things ahead of time.

Dates for your diary - 24th September; 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 24th September 2023

## Dedication Festival

**Service: Holy Communion**

**Hymns:**

**380; 206; 53; The Lord's my Shepherd (sheet), 560**

## Welcome to St. Saviour's Church

[www.stsavioursfwg.org.uk](http://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

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**Children in Church**

Children are most welcome to our services.

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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** (*Dedication Festival*)

Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer: we praise you for the many blessings you have given to those who worship you here: and we pray that all who seek you in this place may find you, and, being filled with the Holy Spirit, may become a living temple acceptable to you; 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.

## **1 Kings 8:22-30**

<sup>22</sup> Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. <sup>23</sup> He said, 'O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, <sup>24</sup> the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. <sup>25</sup> Therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, "There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me."

<sup>26</sup> Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David. <sup>27</sup> But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! <sup>28</sup> Have regard to your servant's prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; <sup>29</sup> that your eyes may be open night and day towards this house, the place of which you said, "My name shall be there," that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays towards this place. <sup>30</sup> Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray towards this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling-place; heed and forgive.'

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, **alleluia.**

Lord, we love the house of your habitation  
and the place where your glory abides.

**Alleluia.**

## **Matthew 21:12-16**

<sup>12</sup> Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying

in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold doves. <sup>13</sup> He said to them, 'It is written, "My house shall be called a house of prayer"; but you are making it a den of robbers.'

<sup>14</sup> The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them.

<sup>15</sup> But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did, and heard the children crying out in the temple, 'Hosanna to the Son of David,' they became angry <sup>16</sup> and said to him, 'Do you hear what these are saying?'

Jesus said to them, 'Yes; have you never read, "Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself"?''

## **Post Communion**

Father in heaven, whose Church on earth is a sign of your heavenly peace, an image of the new and eternal Jerusalem: grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage that, fed with the living bread of heaven, and united in the body of your Son, we may be the temple of your presence, the place of your glory on earth, and a sign of your peace in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Activities for the week**

Today	10.00am	Holy Communion
	11.30 a.m.	Bring and Share Lunch
Tuesday 26th	6.30 p.m.	Meditative service at St. John's
	12 noon	Knit 'n' Natter
	6.00 p.m.	Beaver Scouts
Wednesday 27th	9.30am	Holy Communionat
	3.00 p.m.	Cook & Eat
	6.30 p.m.	Cub Scouts
	7.30 p.m.	Scouts & Explorers
Sunday 1st	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion

### **Revd. Richard Bailey**

The memorial service for Richard is on Saturday 30th September at 2.00 p.m. at St. Matthew & St. Luke's, Chadderton, Oldham.

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