Welcome

We welcome back Revd Pam Coles 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 £5.

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY FOR ORDERS

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.

Councillors' Surgery

Our local Councillors will be holduing a surgery in our hall from 9.30 to 10.30 a.m. on Saturday 18th November. Do go along to see them if you have any issues to discuss.

Meditative Service

The last in the series of short, meditative services at St. John's entitled "Be still, and know that I am God" is on Sundays 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=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 - 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 29th October 2023 Last Sunday after Trinity

Service: Holy Communion

Hymns:

193; 319; 321; 565

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

Collect of the Day (Last Sunday after Trinity)

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

¹ You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, ² but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. ³ For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, ⁴ but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts.

⁵ As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; ⁶ nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, ⁷ though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. ⁸ So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Matthew 22:34-46

- ³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵ and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him.
- ³⁶ Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?'
- ³⁷ He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all

your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.'

⁴¹ Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴² 'What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?'

They said to him, 'The son of David.'

⁴³ He said to them, 'How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, ⁴⁴ "The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"? ⁴⁵ If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?'

⁴⁶ No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Post Communion (Last Sunday after Trinity)

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Activities for the week

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Today	10.00am	Holy Communion
Tuesday 31st	12 noon	Knit 'n' Natter
	6.00 p.m.	Beaver Scouts
Wednesday 1st	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 5th	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion

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.

3.00 p.m. Service of Remembrance at St. John's