

<b>Activities for the week</b>		
Today	10.00 a.m.	Service of the Word
Tuesday 5th	12 noon	Knit 'n' Natter
	6.00 p.m.	Beaver Scouts
Wednesday 6th	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. James's
	11.00 a.m.	Dabble Day
	3.00 p.m.	Cook & Eat
	6.30 p.m.	Cub Scouts
	7.30 p.m.	Scouts & Explorers
Saturday 9th	5.00 p.m.	Private booking
Sunday 10th	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion

### **Dabble Day**

Our Dabble Day is this Wednesday from 11.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. (Refreshments from 10.30 a.m.) Please pick up a booking form from the back of church

### **Planned Giving Envelopes**

We have recycled some old envelopes to save money (and the planet!) Please pick one up from the back of church a let Grace or Hilary know your new number.

### **Christmas Flowers**

Kaaren is most thankful for the contributions she receives towards the cost of flowers throughout the year. If you would be willing to give towards the Christmas flowers, she would be very grateful.

### **Confirmation**

There will be a confirmation service at St. John's on January 14th. If you would like to be confirmed, or know of someone else who would, please see Daniel or Philippa

### **Thursday morning prayers**

There is 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=NzZFNjVIYUtQQm50MHVSQUhNQ2twZz09>. Pick up a prayer booklet in church.

### **Focus Group Update**

There is a summary of what was discussed at the last Focus Group and a question sheet to consider for the next one on the board at the back of church. Dates for your diary - **21st January** ( note change ); 25th February 10.00 a.m. start; 11.15 a.m. finish - Holy Communion at **9.30 a.m.**

# **Sunday 3rd December 2023**

## **Advent Sunday**

**Service: Service of the Word**

**Hymns:**

**358; 98; 196; 422**

## **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*

### **Psalm 80.1-7,17-19**

MINISTER: <sup>1</sup> Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \* shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

**ALL: <sup>2</sup> In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \* stir up your strength and come to help us.**

MINISTER: <sup>3</sup> Restore us, O God of hosts; \* show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

**All: <sup>4</sup> O LORD God of hosts, \* how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?**

MINISTER: <sup>5</sup> You have fed them with the bread of tears; \* you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

**ALL: <sup>6</sup> You have made us the derision of our neighbours, \* and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

MINISTER: <sup>7</sup> Restore us, O God of hosts; \* show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

**ALL: <sup>16</sup> Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \* and son of man you have made so strong for yourself.**

MINISTER: <sup>17</sup> And so will we never turn away from you; \* give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

**ALL: <sup>18</sup> Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; \* show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

**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 Corinthians 1.3-9**

My brothers and sisters:

<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup> I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup> for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind - <sup>6</sup> just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you - <sup>7</sup> so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup> He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, **alleluia.**

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

**Aleluia!**

### **Mark 13.24-37**

Jesus said to his disciples:

<sup>24</sup> 'In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup> and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup> Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup> Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. <sup>28</sup> From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup> So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup> Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. <sup>31</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. <sup>32</sup> But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup> Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup> It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch.

<sup>35</sup> Therefore, keep awake -for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn,

<sup>36</sup> or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. <sup>37</sup> And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

### **Collect of the Day (Advent Sunday)**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him 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, Rosemary, Dermot and anyone known to you.