



ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH

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**30 MARCH 2025
MOTHERING SUNDAY**

Welcome to St Saviour's

We have **Sundays at Ten** this morning with activities for children KS2 and under during the 10am Parish Mass. In Lent, the children leave for the hall during the first hymn and return during the Eucharistic prayer.

The **Parish Pantry** and food bank collection takes place next Sunday at the back of the church after the 10am service.

Supper & Psalms, our Lent course, continues on Thursday evening at 7pm. Please see the leaflet for more information.

Bible Study meetings are suspended until after Easter.

WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday	10.00am	Low Mass with Lectio Divina
Thursday	7.00pm	Supper & Psalms
Friday	9.30am	Tots Time

Evening Prayer is said at 5.30pm Monday to Friday in the Lady Chapel

NEXT SUNDAY 5th SUNDAY OF LENT

8.00am	Low Mass
10.00am	Parish Mass
11.15am	Parish Pantry & Food Bank Collection
4.00pm	Families at Four

Readings Isaiah 43.16-21; John 12.1-8

Please Donate St Saviour's relies on your donations. You can make a card payment by the door, or use the QR code on the right. Alternatively, please use the 'Donate' page on the website. Thank you



Mass Setting New English Folk Mass
(See service booklet)

Organ Prelude Meditation on 'Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks', plus Chorale preludes on 'Wem in Leidenstagen' and 'Schmücke dich'

Peter Hurford 1930–2019

Introit Ave Maria Simon Lindley 1948–2025 *

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus [Christ].

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen

HYMN 241 Sing we of the blessed mother
(T. Abbotts Leigh)

COLLECT

Merciful Lord,
absolve your people from their offences,
that through your bountiful goodness
we may all be delivered from the chains of
those sins which by our frailty we have
committed;
grant this, heavenly Father,
for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord
and Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING Joshua 5.9-12

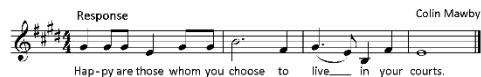
After the Israelites had crossed over the Jordan river, The LORD said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.' And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very

day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Listen for the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 65



Response: Happy are those whom you choose to live in your courts

THE GOSPEL Luke 15.1-3, 11b-32



The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he told them this parable: 'There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to

be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe - the best one - and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate. Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your

property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Father Richard

THE CREED

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

HYMN 516 Love Divine, all loves excelling

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE COMMUNION

Agnus Dei *J Macmillan b.1959*

Motet For the Beauty of the Earth
John Rutter b. 1945

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God,
whose blessed Son our Saviour
gave his back to the smiters
and did not hide his face from shame:
give us grace to endure the sufferings of
this present time
with sure confidence in the glory that shall
be revealed;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

HYMN 530 Now thank we all our God

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Organ Voluntary Scherzo from Suite
'Laudate Dominum' *Peter Hurford*

Please join us for tea or coffee after the
service at the back of the church

NOTICES

Please pray for

Those who are sick and in need Leverage Johnson, David Atkinson, Hilary Miller, Nicky Brown, Joan Hammerton, Che, Helen D, John, Matthew Smith, Keith Manning, Pope Francis.

The recently departed Tim Day.

Those whose Year's Mind falls this week

Sunday Celia Dumbleton, Cyril Fearn, Abbie Foster, Joseph Harris, Joan Potter, Thomas Sanders, Rosetta Thomsit; **Monday** Giles Craddock, Constance Gollick, Ruby North, Alice Phillimore, Daisy Thomas, Violet Hower; **Tuesday** Augustus Bickley, Lucy Gardiner, Jeffrey Hilsden, Elizabeth Mackenzie, Albert Massey, Vivienne Pruden, Annie Smith, Eliza Sweeting, Daisy Thomas; **Wednesday** Alfred Muhley; **Thursday** Emily Farlow, Charles Taylor, Vaughan Thompson; **Saturday** Doris Brown, Arthur Dudley, Emily Hill, Victor Morris, Edwin Phillips.

Good Friday Workshop I'd be grateful for any spare shoe boxes that you no longer need. There are always some children who forget to bring one! Thank you. Gloria

Electoral Roll This year is a full revision year, so everyone wanting to be on St Saviour's Electoral Roll will need to re-register by completing a form. Individual forms for those already on the roll can be collected from the filing box at the back of the church, where blank forms can also be found. If you cannot get to church to collect a form, email Imogen on parish.stsaviours@gmail.com and she will send you one.

Annual Report A gentle reminder that all reports for January - December 2024 for the Annual Report are due by 31 March at the latest. Please send to PCCsecretary.stsaviours@gmail.com. Thank you. Diane

Women's Group Cuppa anyone? All invited for coffee and a chat at Notcutts on Monday 7 April at 10.30am. Info, Jan.

Table Top Sale There will be a table top sale on Saturday 3 May from 10am - 4pm. We will be providing coffee and hopefully home made cakes. There will be beer and pizza from 12pm. We will also have a table with books, DVDs and bric-a-brac. If you'd like to sell any preloved adult or children's clothing, unwanted gifts or anything else we'd love you to join us. A table for selling is £10. Please share with your neighbours and friends. If you are able to help, with cakes, volunteering on the day or would like a table, please speak to Elaine or email wardens.saviours@gmail.com. More information can be found on our website: <https://www.stsavioursstalbens.com/special-events>.

* **Simon Lindley**, who died on 25 February 2025, was Assistant Master of the Music at St Albans Cathedral and Director of Music at St Albans School.

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