



ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH

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10 MAY 2026
6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Welcome to St Saviour's

We have **Sundays at Ten** this morning with activities for children KS2 and under during the 10am Parish Mass. The children leave for the hall during the Gloria and return during the Eucharistic prayer.

broken/ at 6pm this evening is an informal monthly communion service. Refreshments will be served afterwards. All welcome.

The fortnightly Monday afternoon **Bible Study** group meets at 2pm tomorrow in the vicarage to look at the gospel reading for the coming Sunday. All welcome.

At 8pm on Thursday there's a **Choral Mass for Ascension Day**.

The **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** will be held next Sunday, 17 May, at 11.30am, following the Parish Mass. The Fairtrade stall has been rearranged to Sunday 24 May.

WEEK AHEAD

Monday	2.00pm	Bible Study in the Vicarage
Tuesday	10.00am	Low Mass with Lectio Divina
	2.00pm	Compassionate Café (See Notices)
Thursday	ASCENSION DAY	
	10.00am	Low Mass
	2.30pm	House Group Meeting (See Notices)
	8.00pm	Choral Mass
Friday	9.30am	Tots Time
	2.00pm	Tea Club (See Notices)

Evening Prayer is said at 5.30pm Monday to Thursday & 4.30pm Friday in the Lady Chapel

NEXT SUNDAY 7th SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.00am	Low Mass
10.00am	All Age Parish Mass
11.30am	Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Readings Acts 1.6-14; John 17.1-11

Mass Setting The Woodard Service *Richard Shephard* 1949–2021 (See service booklet)

Organ Prelude Intermezzo in A, Op156, No4 *Josef Rheinberger* 1859–1901

Introit If ye love me *Thomas Tallis* 1505–1585

*If ye love me, keep my commandments,
and I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may 'bide with you for ever;
even the spirit of truth.*

HYMN 149 Light's glittering morn bedecks
the sky (Verse 1, part 3 & doxology)

COLLECT

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of
darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your
Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled
us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may
raise us to eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

All **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING Acts 17.22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him - though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring." Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 391 Blest are the pure in heart

THE GOSPEL *John 14.15-21*

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

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

All **Glory to you, O Lord.** (Sung)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.** (Sung)

SERMON Father Richard

THE CREED

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

HYMN 470 I the Lord of sea and sky

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE COMMUNION

Agnus Dei P Aston 1938–2013

Motet This Joyful Eastertide

Philip Ledger 1937–2012

*This joyful Eastertide,
Away with sin and sorrow.
My Love, the Crucified,
Hath sprung to life this morrow.*

*Had Christ, that once was slain,
Ne'er burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now hath Christ arisen.*

*My flesh in hope shall rest,
And for a season slumber:
Till trump from east to west
Shall wake the dead in number.*

*Death's flood hath lost its chill,
Since Jesus crossed the river:
Lover of souls, from ill
My passing soul deliver.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of
eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now
and for ever.

All **Amen.**

HYMN 557 Praise to the holiest in the
height

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Organ Voluntary Monologue in F minor,
Op162, No10 Rheinberger

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, John, David, Sally, Fred Ward, Philip Milton, Rex Winn, Doug Reavley, Michael Downing, Christy Carroll, Simon New.

Sunday Frederick Summers; **Monday**

Arthur Birch; **Tuesday** Alfred Byron, John Minet, Alner Proud, George Raffle;

Wednesday Mary Blackmore, Sidney Ives, Susan Stevens; **Thursday** Stanley Murray, Peter Walker, Florence Winter; **Friday** Kate Barnard, Hannah Blow, William Bradley; **Saturday** Ethel Humphreys, Gordon Lill, Derek Tearle, Mala Hingorani.

Thank you to Diane and the Sacristy Team, and to Carol, Nicholas and the choir for their part in hosting The Company of Servers' National Festival yesterday here at St Saviour's.

The **Ver Valley Society** have written to thank us for the 'sizeable and unexpected donation' they have received from this year's Lent Coffee money. They have also expressed their gratitude having heard that they will be the festival charity for this year's Beer & Fizz Festival (10-12 July).

Compassionate Café on Tuesday 12 May from 2-3.30pm in the church hall is a welcoming space for anyone affected by any type of loss who would like to drop in, have a cuppa and a chat. For more information, please see Libby.

House Group The next meeting is this Thursday, 14 May, at Nonita's home. 2.30-4pm. All welcome.

Tea Club meets on Friday 15 May from 2-4pm in the church hall. This month the Miscellany Folk Singers will entertain us. New Tea Club members and helpers, and offers of cakes, always welcome. Contact Tina on teaclubstaviours@gmail.com for more information.

Christian Aid Market There will be a CA market on Saturday 16 May from 10.30am until 1.30pm. This will be held in the garden of St Mary's Church near the Quadrant and will be run by the six churches in Churches Together in Marshalswick. Each church has been asked to provide 10 items for the Tombola. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church with an indication of suggested items. There are also opportunities to contribute by providing homemade cakes, plants or books. John Myerscough or Bruce King can collect and deliver items to the event if required.

London Marathon Nick Winter would like to say a big 'thank you' to everyone who sponsored him. He finished in 4 hours 40 minutes. Fund raising for Herts Young Homeless is still open if anyone would still like to donate as he's hoping to raise £2000. Please donate via the QR code or <https://shorturl.at/qqqZh>, or get in touch with Gloria. Thank you.



Easyfundraising At no cost to you and hardly any effort, you can raise money for St Saviours just by shopping online. We have nine people signed up so can you help us make it to 20? Please sign up here: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-saviours-church-st-albans/>. Ask Elaine or Sarah if you need any help.

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