



ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH

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23 AUGUST 2026
12th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Welcome to St Saviour's

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

WEEK AHEAD

Monday	Bartholomew the Apostle 2.00pm Bible Study in the Vicarage
Tuesday	10.00am Low Mass with Lectio Divina
Thursday	Monica, Mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387 7.00pm Mass for the Mission of the Church followed by prayer before the Sacrament & Benediction
Friday	Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, Teacher of the Faith, 430
Saturday	The Beheading of John the Baptist

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

NEXT SUNDAY 13th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00am	Low Mass
10.00am	Parish Mass

Readings Romans 12.9-21; Matthew 16.21-28

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Mass Setting Mass of St Thomas David Thorne b.1950 (See service booklet)

Organ Prelude Preludes on Franconia ('Blest are the pure in heart') & Wiltshire ('Through all the changing scenes of life') Henry Coleman 1888–1965

HYMN 578 Stand up, stand up for Jesus

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we
to pray
and to give more than either we desire or
deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your
mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our
conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things which we
are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of 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.

All **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING Romans 12.1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 416 Father, hear the prayer we offer

THE GOSPEL *Matthew 16.13-20*

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

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

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

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON Father Tony

THE CREED

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

HYMN 311 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE COMMUNION

Organ Music Preludes on Abridge ('Be thou my guardian and my guide') & St Columba ('The King of Love my shepherd is')
Henry Coleman

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

HYMN 453 Great is thy faithfulness

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Organ Voluntary Prelude on Old 10th ('All people that on earth do dwell')
Henry Coleman

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, David, Sally, Fred Ward, Michael Downing, Christy Carroll, Annie Manning, Hilary Rodger, Sian Newton, Alice W.

The recently departed John Ridgwell, Nonita Palmer.

Those whose Year's Mind falls this week

Sunday Reginald Langley, Clara Perry, Joan Pearce; **Monday** Nona Pomeroy; **Tuesday** Frank Day, Jon Routledge, Rose Smith, Maureen Bozier; **Wednesday** Herbert Archer, Maud Corble, Emily Court, Christl Frost, Marion Hughes, William Noad, Emily Pocock, Joan Shepherd; **Thursday** Norman Gerber, Gordon Matthew, Maureen Skinner, David Meyrick; **Friday** Katharine Hare, Frederick Corley, Mollie Parker; **Saturday** Edith Kerrison.

Nonita Palmer RIP Nonita's funeral will be a Requiem Mass at St Saviour's on Tuesday 15 September, 2pm - followed immediately by a 'party' in church. (Nonita's terminology!) Her coffin will be brought into church on Monday 14 at 4pm. All are welcome to attend either service, but in accordance with her express wishes the cremation will be unattended, with all ceremonial taking place in church. Please keep Nonita and her family in your prayers.

Change of Bank Details To help us achieve our Silver Eco award and to avoid bank charges, the PCC have changed their bank account to a Co-operative Bank account with immediate effect. The new account details are:

Name PCC of St Saviours St Albans

Sort-Code 08-92-99

Account No. 67535709

Please amend any standing orders you

have. For help, please ask the vicar or churchwardens.

Help Needed We need more volunteers to serve tea and coffee after the Parish Mass on Sundays. I would be very grateful if you could spare one Sunday every other month to promote our community spirit. Please contact Ann Ferrar if you are willing to help.

BBQ We will be having a church BBQ on Sunday 6 September at 4pm in the hall garden for everyone. We are grateful to Hertfordshire County Council, who have provided us some funding for the food, which Fr Richard will BBQ for you and there will, of course, be ice cream! If you could sign up on Sunday at the back of church to help us with catering numbers, and offer any salads if you are able. There will also be giant garden games and crafts for children. Please invite your friends, family and neighbours and bring your own drinks.

Songs from Godspell Members of St Albans Musical Theatre Company are performing songs from last year's sell-out production of Godspell here at St Saviour's on Thursday 10 September at 8pm. Tickets are £15 and can be booked through the parish website at stsavioursstalbens.com/specialevents.

Eco Corner In association with St Paul's Church, we are screening The People's Emergency Briefing on Tuesday 22 September at 8pm. This short film sets out the climate and nature risks facing the nation, and the credible, positive responses available. This is a FREE event for the congregation and local community arranged by our Eco Team so please do save the date and come along. Doors and licensed bar from 7.30pm.