ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH

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17 MAY 2026
7th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Welcome to St Saviour's

The **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** will be held in church this morning at 11.30am, after the Parish Mass.

The fortnightly Monday evening **Bible Study** group meets at 8pm tomorrow in the vicarage to look at the gospel reading for the coming Sunday. All welcome.

There is NO **Sundays at Ten** next Sunday or Sunday 31 May because of the school half term holiday.

WEEK AHEAD

Monday	8.00pm	Bible Study in the Vicarage
Tuesday	**Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury, Restorer of Monastic Life, 988**	
	10.00am	Low Mass with Lectio Divina
Wednesday	**Alcuin of York, Deacon, Abbot of Tours, 804**	
Thursday	7.00pm	Mass for the Mission of the Church followed by prayer before the Sacrament & Benediction
Friday	9.30am	Tots Time

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

NEXT SUNDAY
PENTECOST

8.00am	Low Mass
10.00am	Parish Mass

Readings Acts 2.1-21; John 20.19-23

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COLLECT

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
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 *Acts 1.6-14*

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.' Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

This is the word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God**.

THE GOSPEL *John 17.1-11*

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**.

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.'

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

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen**.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

NOTICES

Please pray for

Those who are sick and in need Leverne 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 James Alderton, Beryl Draper, Angus Findley-Wilson, Charlotte Forbes, Isabella Reynolds; **Monday** Frederick Elbourn, Henry Hedding, Winifred Morbin, Pauline Simmans; **Tuesday** Jean Knowles, Dorothy Mardling; **Wednesday** Adam Fuelling, Frank Holloway, Agnes Miller, Leonard Warner, Donald Wollman; **Thursday** Muriel Batley, Alner Proud, Elizabeth Dumpleton; **Friday** Renee Band, Dora Dunn, John Mead, Peter Chisholm; **Saturday** Peter Boyce, William Dunn, Constance Houghton, George Howe, Lucy Silvester, George Tolman, Oswald Weeks.

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).

Homeless Raffle The next Hightown Homelessness event at St Saviour's is on Wednesday 27 May. The organisers have asked if we are able to collect items for a raffle, so that each of their visitors can take part on the day. If you are interested in providing a raffle prize, please see Sarah Entwistle or Jan Brown for more information and details of suitable donations.

Safeguarding Training For those who need to do the Church of England's basic safeguarding training, because they have a role as a steward, as a server or at Sundays at Ten etc, and would prefer to do it face-to-face rather than online, please speak to Elaine or email safeguarding.stsaviours@gmail.com.

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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