



ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH

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3 MAY 2026
5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Welcome to St Saviour's

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

Families at Four is at 4pm this afternoon at the back of the church. There will be craft activities, games and stories for adults and children together, usually ending with a shared tea-time meal.

There's NO **Bible Study** group meeting tomorrow because of the bank holiday.

Mass for Mission on Thursday is CANCELLED as the church is being used as a polling station.

Saturday's **Walsingham Mass** is CANCELLED but all are welcome to attend the Company of Servers' Festival Eucharist at 12 noon and Evensong and Benediction at 3.30pm (see Notices).

WEEK AHEAD

Monday	English Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation Era 10.30am Women's Group Coffee Morning (See Notices)
Tuesday	10.00am Low Mass with Lectio Divina
Friday	Julian of Norwich, Spiritual Writer, c.1417 9.30am Tots Time
Saturday	12 noon Company of Servers' Festival Eucharist (See Notices) 3.30pm Company of Servers' Evensong and Benediction (See Notices)

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

NEXT SUNDAY 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.00am	Low Mass
10.00am	Parish Mass & Sundays at Ten
6.00pm	broken/

Readings Acts 17.22-31; John 14.15-21

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

Organ Prelude Prelude in G major
Henry Purcell 1659–1695

Introit O taste and see
Ralph Vaughan Williams 1872–1958

*O taste and see how gracious the Lord is
Blest is the man that trusted in him*

HYMN 137 Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to
heaven

COLLECT

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus
Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the
gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

All **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING Acts 7:55-60

Standing before the high priest and the council, Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ‘Look,’ he said, ‘I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!’ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, ‘Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.’ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, ‘Lord, do not hold this sin against them.’ When he had said this, he died.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 628 Ye who know the Lord is
gracious

THE GOSPEL *John* 14:1-14

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: ‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.’ Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know

the way?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.’ Philip said to him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me?

Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON Father Andrew

THE CREED

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

HYMN 208 (Parts 2, 3 & Doxology) Christ is made the sure foundation

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE COMMUNION

Agnus Dei *Orlando di Lassus 1532–1594*

Motet Good Christian men, rejoice and sing
Ernest Bullock 1890–1979

*Good Christian men, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King:
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluya!*

*The Lord of Life is risen for ay:
Bring flowers of song to strew his way;
Let all mankind rejoice and say:
Alleluya!*

*Praise we in songs of victory
That Love, that Life, which cannot die,
And sing with hearts uplifted high:
Alleluya!*

*Thy name we bless, O risen Lord,
And sing today with one accord
The life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluya!*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
All **Amen.**

HYMN 161 This joyful Eastertide

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Organ Voluntary Voluntary No. 4 in G minor
William Boyce 1711–1779

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.

The recently departed Bill Brisco.

Those whose Year's Mind falls this week

Sunday Sheila Armitage, Gladys Ball, Edith Brookfield, Esther Holloway, George

Parker, Phyl Hewitt; **Monday** Renee Band, Albert Hill, Marie Langley, Arthur Peake;

Tuesday Gerald Emmett, Clara Grover, Hilda Sweet; **Wednesday** Frank Messenger,

Maud Savage, William Willson; **Thursday** Edward Davis, Ethel Elliott, William Gaul,

Albert Paul, Henry Russell, Frank Silvester, Martin Firebrace; **Friday** Alfred Berry, Alice

Clacey, Sydney Hill, Elizabeth Lewis, Arthur Simms, Norman Appleby; **Saturday** Jean

Bruce, Helen Burton, Pamela Cobern, Ellen Howe, Myrtle Mander, Victor Munt, Rosina Young.

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.

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.

The **Company of Servers** are holding their AGM at St Saviour's Church on Saturday 9 May. There will be a Festival Eucharist at 12 noon (Bishop Jane presiding) and Evensong and Benediction at 3.30pm. You are all welcome to join us for these services. Please sign the sheet at the back of church if you are intending to come. For more information please see Diane

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.

Women's Group Coffee anyone? For those able to make it, we shall be meeting on Monday 4 May at 10.30am in Notcutts.

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