



ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH

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CHRIST THE KING

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.

The Interfaith Week **Fleetville Cemetery Tidy-up** second shift is from 12.00 – 2.00pm today.

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.

Mass for Mission On Thursday we will be incorporating an Advent Reflection into the Mass for Mission. Mass will start at 7pm followed by Exposition, Advent Reflection and end with Benediction. You are welcome to stay afterwards for refreshments.

Advent Procession & Carols Next Sunday at 4pm we have our traditional Advent service of readings and music with contributions from the choir. As usual, we will be joined by fellow Christians from Churches Together in Marshalswick. Refreshments afterwards at the back of the church.

WEEK AHEAD

Monday	2.00pm	Bible Study in the Vicarage
Tuesday	10.00am	Service of the Word with Reserved Sacrament
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 at the High Altar

NEXT SUNDAY ADVENT SUNDAY

8.00am	Low Mass
10.00am	Parish Mass & Sundays at Ten
4.00pm	Advent Procession & Carols

Readings Isaiah 2.1-5; Matthew 24.36-44

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

Organ Prelude Fantasia on 'Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott' [cf CP 368 A safe stronghold our God is still]

Michael Praetorius 1571–1621

Introit Above all praise and all Majesty
F Mendelssohn 1809–1847

*Above all Praise and all Majesty
Lord thou reignest evermore, Alleluia*

HYMN 166 Crown him with many crowns

COLLECT

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
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 *Colossians 1.11-20*

Brothers and sisters: May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things

have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

HYMN 172 The Head that once was crowned with thorns

Celtic Alleluia

Celtic



THE GOSPEL *Luke 23.33-43*

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

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



Glo-ry to you, — O Lord.

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' Jesus replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, — O Christ.

SERMON Mother Emily

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

HYMN 601 Thou didst leave thy throne

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE COMMUNION

Agnus Dei *Sumsion* in F

Motet Let all the World in Every Corner
Sing *RV Williams 1872-1958*

*Refrain: Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing,
My God and King.*

*The heav'ns are not too high,
His praise may thither fly;
The earth is not too low,
His praises there may grow.*

*The Church with psalms must shout;
No door can keep them out;
But above all, the heart
Must bear the longest part.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the
fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

HYMN 563 Rejoice the Lord is King

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Organ Voluntary Trumpet Tune
Henry Purcell 1659-1695

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 & Mavis Atkinson, Hilary Miller, Nicky Brown, Joan Hammerton, Che, John, David, Sally, Fred Ward, Philip Milton.

The recently departed Denis Desert, Sue Keeling, Anwen John.

Those whose Year's Mind falls this week

Sunday Clara Christmas, Phyllis Ratcliffe, Dorothy Wedgbury, Janet Young; **Monday** Graham Eames, Brian Gough, Thomas Wilson, Alan Brazendale, Erisa Kironde; **Tuesday** Dorothy Beal, Joan Swift, Henry Woods; **Wednesday** Olwen Hall, Mary Lee, Maud Turner; **Thursday** Isabelle Briggs, John Owen, Cyril Uff, Harold Wragg; **Friday** Hugh Gahan, Annie Godfrey, Walter Webb, Frank Deamer, Harry Hewitt; **Saturday** Peggy Faulder, Paula Wilmer, Barbara Hammond, Rhoda Warren.

Christmas Shopping If you haven't started yet, please start with this. Gifts for the homeless are needed this Christmas - and it's such an easy thing for us to help with. At Christmas we have the pleasure of unwrapping parcels from friends and family. We could do the same for others who are not so lucky. Can you pop something on your shopping list over the next few weeks so we can make a bumper Santa sack to pass on to Hightown Association. Toiletries, chocolates (no liqueur ones) make ideal gifts. Information from Jan.

Sending Love to Care Homes at Christmas

Please bring any completed knitted or stitched stockings to church next Sunday morning (30th). Thank you for all your lovely creations so far! Gloria Winter

Open Door Night Shelter are in urgent need of replenishing their stocks of the following items: cereal, tinned soups, cup-

a-soup, sleeping bags, squash/juice, baked beans, tinned pasta, tuna, tinned meats, jumpers, coats, joggers (small and medium sized), sweet treats, rice, razors, deodorants and shower gel. There is a collection box in the church porch where donated items can be left (under the electronic notice board to the right).

Pilgrimage to Loreto & Fano We have again been invited to visit our friends in the parish of San Paolo, Fano, Italy from Thursday 12 – Monday 16 February 2026. The schedule will be as in 2024, flying from Stansted to Ancona and staying overnight in Loreto before Mass in the Basilica and a pilgrim visit to the Holy House of Loreto. We will then transfer to a hotel in Fano to experience the Carnival celebrations and take part in the Sunday Mass at San Paolo's. On this visit we plan to sign an ecumenical declaration of companionship between our parishes, and make plans to welcome visitors to St Albans in the Autumn of 2026.

Christmas Tree Festival Raffle Prize Appeal

If you can help with prizes for the Christmas Tree Festival raffle, or know of local businesses or organisations that might be able to help, please contact Ellie Matthews. Thank you.

Sound Rota We urgently need a small team of people to operate the sound iPad during the 10am Parish Mass on Sundays. Please see Elaine if you are happy to volunteer or would like some more information.

Women's Group

Dates for your diary:
– Notcutts Monday 1 December, 10.30am. A must.
– Christmas lunch, Wednesday 10 December, noon. If you have booked, £5 to Jan, and your choice from the menu.