



# ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH

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**1 MARCH 2026**  
**2nd SUNDAY OF LENT**

## 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.

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.

**Thursday Suppers in Lent** replace Mass for the Mission of the Church during Lent. Please see the leaflet for more information. All are welcome to attend, but if you would like to eat then you **MUST** book using the form on the leaflet. Some weeks have only a few places left.

### WEEK AHEAD

Monday	<b>Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, Missionary, 672</b>
	8.00pm Bible Study in the Vicarage
Tuesday	10.00am Low Mass with Lectio Divina
Thursday	7.00pm Thursday Suppers in Lent
Friday	9.30am Tots Time
Saturday	<b>Perpetua and Felicity and their Companions, Martyrs at Carthage, 203</b>

Evening Prayer is said at 5.30pm Monday to Thursday & 4.30pm Friday at the High Altar

### NEXT SUNDAY 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

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

**Readings** Exodus 17.1-7; John 4.5-42

**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**

'Tranquilly' *Hubert Parry* 1848–1918  
'Andantino' *Harold Darke* 1888–1976  
'Andante' *Charles Wood* 1866–1926

**Introit** Turn thy face from my sins  
*Thomas Attwood* 1765–1838

*Turn thy face from my sins,  
and put out all my misdeeds.  
Make me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right Spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from thy presence,  
and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.*

**HYMN 538** O Jesus I have promised

**COLLECT**

Almighty God,  
you show to those who are in error the  
light of your truth,  
that they may return to the way of  
righteousness:  
grant to all those who are admitted into  
the fellowship of Christ's religion,  
that they may reject those things that are  
contrary to their profession,  
and follow all such things as are agreeable  
to the same;  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
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** *Genesis 12.1-4a*

The LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who

bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

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

**HYMN 6** New every morning is the love

**THE GOSPEL** *John 3.1-17*

The Lord be with you.  
All **And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
All **Glorify to you, O Lord.** (Sung)

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do

not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

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 609** To God be the Glory

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**THE COMMUNION**

**Agnus Dei** P Aston 1938–2013

**Motet** God so loved the world

*John Stainer 1840–1901*

*God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son*

*That whoso believeth in him should not perish,*

*But have everlasting life*

*For God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world*

*But that the world through him might be saved.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Almighty God,  
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:  
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,  
and inwardly in our souls;  
that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body,  
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

**HYMN 598** There's a wideness in God's mercy

**BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

**Organ Voluntary** Fantasia in C minor  
*JS Bach 1685–1750*

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** Leverne Johnson, David Atkinson, Hilary Miller, Nicky Brown, Joan Hammerton, Che, John, David, Sally, Fred Ward, Philip Milton, Rex Winn, Doug Reavley.

**The recently departed** Mavis Atkinson.

### Those whose Year's Mind falls this week

**Sunday** Joan Oakes, Gertrude Fisher, George Hardy, Elsie Oakley, Alfred Palmer;

**Monday** Sheila Ellis, Trevor Thomas, Mary Wormald, Gertrude Wragg; **Tuesday** Grace Fryer, Marguerite Phillips, Elizabeth Sibley;

**Wednesday** Sarah Clarke, Jean Gisbourne, Ellen Hoster, Charles Mackonochie, Flora Robins; **Thursday** William Wood; **Friday**

Lindsay Bateman-Jones, Edith Innes, Phyllis Perry; **Saturday** Harry Burton, Robert Goodall, Pauline Howard, Hilda Page, Annie Pedley, Thomas Sanderson, Gertrude Taylor, Grace West.

**Mavis Atkinson RIP** Mavis's funeral will be in church on Wednesday 4 March at 11am, followed by a private cremation.

**Holy Week Postcards** are now available for delivery for those who can lend a hand - and a pair of legs! This time we have a double sized folded card so we can advertise events in March, so please deliver as soon as possible. Thanks.

**Eco Church** You should hopefully have seen from last week's pew sheet insert that as part of our drive to achieve Eco Church Silver Award this Lent we are taking part in the Climate Steward organisation's Carbon Fast. Each week follows a separate challenge and details can be found on the church notice board and website, and in the pew sheet insert. Please take a read

and speak to Emily, Elaine or Ellie if you would like to know more.

**Good Friday Family Event** On Good Friday (3 April) we will be holding a family event in church from 10.30am-12.30pm which will include crafts and lunch. It would be wonderful if we had lots of 'helpers' from the congregation. Specific roles involve welcoming, help with crafts, setting up/clearing away, helping in the kitchen. If you are interested there will be a sign up sheet at the back of church over the next few weeks. Please speak to Emily for more details, or email [curate.stsaviours@gmail.com](mailto:curate.stsaviours@gmail.com).

**Parish Organ Restoration Appeal** Thank you to all who have donated and helped St Saviour's raise the extra £40,000 to complete the parish organ restoration project by the end of March. We have been able to add a 16' trombone stop and make improvements to the organ's specification as well as future proof it's maintenance and performance. The first stages of rebuilding the organ on site have gone well.

**Craft and Nearly New Sale** There will be a craft sale on Saturday 14 March from 10am-2pm selling homemade crafts, books, DVDs, toys, clothes, bric-a-brac as well as tea/coffee and homemade cakes. We are looking for any donations and we will have boxes available at the back of church each Sunday. If you would like a table for selling they are £10 each and we'd love you to join us. If you are able to provide cakes, volunteer on the day or would like a table, please speak to Sarah or Elaine or email [wardens.stsaviours@gmail.com](mailto:wardens.stsaviours@gmail.com).

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