



ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH

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16 NOVEMBER 2025
2nd SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

Welcome to St Saviour's

The **Fairtrade Stall** will be available at the back of the church after the 10am service.

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.

WEEK AHEAD

Monday	Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln, 1200 8.00pm Bible Study in the Vicarage
Tuesday	Elizabeth of Hungary, Princess of Thuringia, Philanthropist, 1231 10.00am Low Mass with Lectio Divina
Wednesday	Hilda, Abbess of Whitby, 680
Thursday	Edmund, King of the East Angles, Martyr, 870 7.00pm Mass for the Mission of the Church followed by prayer before the Sacrament & Benediction
Friday	9.30am Tots Time 2.00pm Tea Club (See Notices)

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

NEXT SUNDAY CHRIST THE KING

8.00am	Low Mass
10.00am	Parish Mass & Sundays at Ten
12.00pm	Interfaith Week Fleetville Cemetery Tidy-up (See Notices)
3.00pm	How Many Sleeps Till Christmas? (See Notices)

Readings Colossians 1.11-20; Luke 23.33-43

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COLLECT

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy
the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and
heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and
great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and
glorious kingdom;
where he 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 2 *Thessalonians* 3.6-13

We command you, beloved, in the name of
our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from
believers who are living in idleness and not
according to the tradition that they
received from us. For you yourselves know
how you ought to imitate us; we were not
idle when we were with you, and we did
not eat anyone's bread without paying for
it; but with toil and labour we worked night
and day, so that we might not burden any
of you. This was not because we do not
have that right, but in order to give you an
example to imitate. For even when we
were with you, we gave you this command:
Anyone unwilling to work should not eat.
For we hear that some of you are living in
idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any
work. Now such persons we command and
exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their
work quietly and to earn their own living.
Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in
doing what is right.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL *Luke 21.5-19*

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

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

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.' They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And Jesus said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them. When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON Father Tony

THE CREED

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All **Amen.**

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

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 Quentin Keeling, Sesto Pierpaoli, Denis Desert, Sue Keeling, Anwen John.

Those whose Year's Mind falls this week

Sunday Alice Smith; **Monday** Maud Coleman, Deryth Gunn, William Warby;

Tuesday Pat Lawrence, Jean Lines;

Wednesday Alfred Seabrook; **Thursday** Beatrice Shrimpton; **Saturday** Gertrude Baillie-Reynolds, Frederick Simms, Matthew Strain, Frederick Vickers.

Children and Family Lead We are extending the deadline for applications for this role. Please hold this in your prayers as we seek to find the 'right' person for the job, and please spread the word that we are advertising!

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

The Anna Chaplaincy in St Albans will again be providing a hand made Christmas decoration for every resident of the local care homes. The theme for this year's gift is Christmas stockings. If you are able to help

with this, please help yourselves to a knitting pattern or sewing kit and return your creations to me by Advent Sunday morning. Many thanks, Gloria Winter

Tea Club meets on Friday 21 November from 2 – 4pm in the church hall. This month we look forward to welcoming Katie's Jumping Fleas, a ukulele band, who will entertain us with their great range of music. Put the date in your diary! New Tea Club members and helpers, and offers of cakes, always welcome. Contact Tina on teclubstsaviours@gmail.com for more information.

Interfaith Week As part of Interfaith Week 2025 St Albans Masorti Synagogue are looking to gather a mixed-faith team of volunteers to help tidy Fleetville Cemetery. If you are available on 23 November, the second tidy up shift will be from 12.00 – 2.00pm and it would be great if some of the congregation of St Saviour's could go and show their support for this event. If you are interested in joining in there will be a sign up sheet at the back of church over the next couple of weeks. Alternatively, please email Emily on curate.stsaviours@gmail.com.

How Many Sleeps Till Christmas? An exciting programme of craft and fun activities for primary school aged children led by the team from Families at Four will be held in the hall on Sunday 23 November 3–5pm. Places are limited so online booking advised asap. Tickets £10 [per child], £15 [family of 2 or more siblings]. More information from Mthr Emily Lloyd curate.stsaviours@gmail.com or offers of help to Gloria Winter. Thank you!

Women's Group Monday 1 December - Notcutts, 10.30am. We'll be talking Christmas. Come along. Jan