



ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH

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6 APRIL 2025
5th 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.

Tots Time and Sundays at Ten have finished for Easter. Sundays at Ten is back on 27 April and Tots Time on Friday 2 May.

Next Sunday we'll gather at 9.45am at Bernards Heath for the Procession of Palms which starts at 10am from outside the Little Star Coffee Shop. You are welcome to pick up a coffee before we head off but if you do please make sure you leave enough time to order it!

WEEK AHEAD

Monday	10.30am	Women's Group Coffee & Chat (See Notices)
Tuesday	10.00am	Low Mass with Lectio Divina
	2.00pm	Compassionate Café (See Notices)
Thursday		William Law, Priest, Spiritual Writer, 1761
	2.30pm	House Group Meeting (See Notices)
	7.00pm	Supper & Psalms
Saturday	10.00am	Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary followed by the Parish Walsingham Group

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

NEXT SUNDAY

PALM SUNDAY

8.00am	Low Mass
10.00am	Liturgy of Palms & Procession
10.30am	Liturgy of the Passion
5.00pm	Choral Evensong

Readings Luke 19.28-40 (Procession); Isaiah 50.4-9a; Luke 22.14 - 23.56 (Passion)

Mass Setting New English Folk Mass
(See service booklet)

Organ Prelude O Mensch bewein' dein'
Sünde gross, BWV622 JS Bach 1685–1750

Introit Drop, drop, slow tears
Orlando Gibbons 1583–1625

*Drop, drop, slow tears, and bathe those
beauteous feet,
which brought from heaven the news and
Prince of Peace.*

*Cease not, wet eyes, his mercies to entreat;
to cry for vengeance sin doth never cease.*

*In your deep floods drown all my faults and
fears;
nor let his eye see sin, but through my tears.*

HYMN 499 Lift high the Cross (omit *
verses)

COLLECT

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your
Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on
the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Isaiah 43.16-21

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in
the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who
brings out chariot and horse, army and
warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a
wick: Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old. I am about to
do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you
not perceive it? I will make a way in the
wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild
animals will honour me, the jackals and the
ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert, to give drink to my
chosen people, the people whom I formed
for myself so that they might declare my
praise.

Listen for the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 23

Stuart Townsend



And I will trust in You a - lone, and I will trust in You a - lone For Your
end - less mer - cy fol - lows me, Your good - ness will lead me home.

Response And I will trust in You alone, and I
will trust in You alone. For Your endless
mercy follows me, Your goodness will lead
me home.

GOSPEL READING



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.

John 12.1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Father Andrew

THE CREED

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

HYMN 376 And can it be

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE COMMUNION

Agnus Dei N Hare (Forty Day Mass)

Motet God so loved the World

J 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

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our
brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

All Amen.

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

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Organ Voluntary Christus, der uns selig
macht, BWV620 *JS Bach*

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, Keith Manning, Pope Francis.

The recently departed Tim Day.

Those whose Year's Mind falls this week

Sunday Joseph Sutton, Annie Waller;

Monday Eliza Blow, Irena Cheater, Henry Cooper, Delia Lapthorn, Winifred Smith;

Tuesday Henry Andrews, Gladys Ewer, William Folds, Edmund Gleaves,

Christopher Hare; **Wednesday** Rosemary Salmon, Maureen Temple, Bertha Walker;

Thursday Mary Casterton, David Holmes;

Saturday Kathleen Andrews, Robert Cumming, Thomas Edwardes, Cyril Isherwood, Arthur Jones, Olive Martin, Cyril Munt, Sarah Smedley.

Holy Week Postcards are now available for delivery asap. Please sign up for as little or as much as you are able!

Maundy Thursday Please sign up for the Foot-washing and Vigil today if you are able to take part.

Easter Eve we will be having our usual spring clean and tidy-up in church from 10am, starting with coffee. All hands welcome!

Good Friday Workshop I'd be grateful for any spare shoe boxes that you no longer need. There are always some children who forget to bring one! Thank you. Gloria

Electoral Roll This year is a full revision year, so everyone wanting to be on St Saviour's Electoral Roll will need to re-register by completing a form. Blank forms can be found at the back of the church. If

you cannot get to church to collect a form, email Imogen on parish.stsaviours@gmail.com and she will send you one.

Women's Group Cuppa anyone? All invited for coffee and a chat at Notcutts on Monday 7 April at 10.30am. Info, Jan.

Compassionate Café on Tuesday 8 April from 2 – 3.30pm in the church hall is a welcoming space for anyone affected by any type of loss who would like to drop in, have a cuppa and a chat. For more information, please see Libby.

House Group The next meeting is this Thursday, 10 April, at Nonita's home. 2.30 – 4pm. All welcome.

Table Top Sale There will be a table top sale on Saturday 3 May from 10am - 4pm. We will be providing coffee and hopefully home made cakes. There will be beer and pizza from 12pm. We will also have a table with books, DVDs and bric-a-brac. If you'd like to sell any preloved adult or children's clothing, unwanted gifts or anything else we'd love you to join us. A table for selling is £10. Please share with your neighbours and friends. If you are able to help, with cakes, volunteering on the day or would like a table, please speak to Elaine or email wardens.saviours@gmail.com. More information can be found on our website: <https://www.stsavioursstalbans.com/special-events>.

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.



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