



ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH

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27 APRIL 2025
2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

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.

There is **NO Mass for Mission** on Thursday as the church is being used as a polling station.

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

WEEK AHEAD

Monday **George, Martyr, Patron of England, c.304**

Tuesday **Mark the Evangelist**

Catherine of Siena, Teacher of the Faith, 1380

10.00am Low Mass with Lectio Divina

Thursday **Philip and James, Apostles**

Friday **Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, Teacher of the Faith, 373**

9.30am Tots Time

Saturday 10.00am Table Top Sale (-> 4pm. See Notices)

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

NEXT SUNDAY

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.00am Low Mass

10.00am Parish Mass

11.15am Parish Pantry & Food Bank Collection

4.00pm Families at Four

Readings Acts 9.1-6; John 21.1-19

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 Air and Gavotte
Samuel Wesley 1766–1837

HYMN 140 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing

COLLECT

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for our
sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of
malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ
our Lord,
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 Acts 5.27-32

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they made them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, ‘We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.’ But Peter and the apostles answered, ‘We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.’

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

HYMN 145 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

Celtic Alleluia



THE GOSPEL John 20.19-31

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

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



Glo-ry to you, O Lord.

When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord.’ But he said to them, ‘Unless I see the mark

of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.’ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.’ Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.’ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Imogen de la Bere

THE CREED

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

HYMN 157 The day of resurrection! Earth tell it out abroad

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE COMMUNION

Prelude *Samuel Wesley*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

HYMN 150 Love's redeeming work is done

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Organ Voluntary Choral Song

Samuel Sebastian Wesley 1810–1876

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, Trevor Barton, Joan Shopper.

The recently departed Chris Foreman, Margeurite Mayne, Jackie Weekes, Pope Francis.

Those whose Year's Mind falls this week

Sunday Edith Morgan, Leslie Myers, Dorothy Simpson, Stanley Smith; **Monday** Daisy Howard, Grace Rogers, Albert Siggery, Percy Smedley; **Tuesday** Edward Baker, Chris Downes, Lucy Goodson, Daniel Hart; **Wednesday** Mabel Day, Diane Fellows, James Reeves, Edith Wilson, John Timson; **Thursday** Andrew Brittain, Elizabeth Harlow, Rosamund Hibbert, Dorothy Lawrence, John Moore, Frederick Palmer; **Friday** Alice Burney, Martha Cobb, Violet Harrington, Georgiana Higgins, Edith Hill, George Jennings, Alice Rance, Constance Sanders; **Saturday** Sheila Armitage, Gladys Ball, Edith Brookfield, Esther Holloway, George Parker, Phyl Hewitt.

Thank you to all who have helped prepare and lead our Holy Week and Easter services: servers, choir, readers and flower arrangers! Particular thanks to Ann Ferrar for her wonderful food shared through Lent for Supper & Psalms, and to all who took part week by week!

Parish Giving Scheme Please make sure you have a copy of the leaflet and Fr Richard's letter. It costs almost £400 per day to keep our mission and ministry going, so please review your planned giving - or register with the PGS to open a direct debit for St Saviour's.

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.

Table Top Sale There will be a table top sale on Saturday 3 May from 10am - 4pm. If you are able to provide any cakes or help with teas/ coffees please see Elaine today or email her on wardens.saviours@gmail.com. There are still opportunities for a table for £10 each so please let Elaine know if you'd like one to sell any preloved adult or children's clothing, unwanted gifts or anything else. More information can be found on our website: <https://www.stsavioursstalbens.com/special-events>.

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