



ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH

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22 FEBRUARY 2026
1st SUNDAY OF LENT

Welcome to St Saviour's

There is **NO Sundays at Ten** this morning because of the school half term holiday.

There is **NO Bible Study** on Monday.

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.

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

WEEK AHEAD

Monday	Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, Martyr, c.155 10.30am Women's Group Morning Tea (See Notices)
Tuesday	10.00am Low Mass with Lectio Divina
Thursday	7.00pm Thursday Suppers in Lent
Friday	George Herbert, Priest, Poet, 1633 9.30am Tots Time
Saturday	10.00am Church Maintenance Day (See Notices)

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

NEXT SUNDAY 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

8.00am	Low Mass
10.00am	Parish Mass
11.15am	Parish Pantry & Food Bank Collection
4.00pm	Families at Four

Readings Genesis 12.1-4a; John 3.1-17

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 Settings of ‘Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier’, BWV 730 & 731
JS Bach 1685–1750

Introit Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake
R Farrant 1525–1585

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge,

but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives.

To decline from sin and incline to virtue, that we may walk in a perfect heart before thee, now and evermore.

Amen

HYMN 95 Forty days and forty nights

COLLECT

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:

give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
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.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING *Genesis* 2.15-17; 3.1-7

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, ‘You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.’ Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, ‘Did God say, “You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?”’ The woman said to the serpent, ‘We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, “You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.”’ But the serpent said to the woman, ‘You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.’ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

HYMN 97 Lord Jesus, think on me

THE GOSPEL *Matthew 4.1-11*

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

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

All **Glory to you, O Lord.** (Sung)

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you"', and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.** (Sung)

SERMON Father Andrew

THE CREED

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

HYMN 601 Thou didst leave thy home

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE COMMUNION

Agnus Dei Forty Day Mass *N Hare*

Motet Super Flumina Babylonis
Palestrina 1525-1594

*Super flumina Babylonis illic sedimus et flevimus dum recordaremur tui Sion
By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept : when we remembered thee, O Sion.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God,
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith,
increase our hope,
and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,
and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

HYMN 496 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Organ Voluntary Alla breve in D major,
BWV 589 *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 Leverne Johnson, David Atkinson, Hilary Miller, Nicky Brown, Joan Hammerton, Che, John, David, Sally, Fred Ward, Philip Milton, Clare Vermeulen, Rex Winn, Doug Reavley.

The recently departed Mavis Atkinson, Daphne Vernon, Lizzie Rees.

Those whose Year's Mind falls this week

Sunday Horace Bracey, George Dolling, Constance Erskine, Dora Gallop, Helen Mortimer, William Winder, Emily Wood;

Monday Ellen Davis, Agnes Findley-Wilson, Doris O'Donnell, Sydney Robinson, Henry Whiteley; **Tuesday** Elizabeth Goodchild, Lily Hiom, Joyce Percival, Mabel Scott, Charles Tamsett, Herbert Wilton-Hall, Richard Barnard, Leslie Oakes;

Wednesday Lottie Beck, Roy Benge, George Edwardes, Adelaide Fenwick, Emma Waller, Norma Atkinson, Neil Gray; **Thursday** Eustace Ballie-Reynolds, Wendy de la Bere, Robert Faulder, James Morley, Maud Perkins, Jean Stevens, Charles Stonebridge, Sydney Webster; **Friday** Ada Laurence, Kate Lawrence, Donald Leake, Elizabeth Munt, Frederick Tufnell, Peter Wiffen; **Saturday** Elizabeth Byron, Hilda Cronin, Hilda Godwood, Florence Gray, Mary Hepher, Alan Mully, Edith Parkins.

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.

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.

Garden Play Equipment When shopping at the local Tesco stores, please use your Tesco Stronger Starts token to vote for '8th St Albans Rainbows for Garden Play Equipment'. This project aims to replace the play equipment in the hall garden for the benefit of all hall users. If we win the vote, we may get a grant of up to £1,500. For more information, please speak to Elaine. Voting closes on 31 March.

Women's Group Back in the swing - our next Morning Tea at Notcutts will be on Monday 23 February at 10.30am. Info from Jan.

Church Maintenance Day will take place on Saturday 28 February in and around the church to help catch up with outstanding jobs that keep the church in reasonable order. There will be indoor and outdoor jobs as well as sitting down jobs! Please come and join us from 10am – 1pm to help, and bring any tools you may have!

Snowdrop Garden The Bishop of St Albans' garden, with thousands of snowdrops and early bulbs in bloom, will be open on Sat 21 & Sun 22 February from 2–4pm. Location Abbey Gate House, Abbey Mill Lane, AL3 4HD. Entry £5 per adult. All proceeds support the Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust.

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