



ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH

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2 AUGUST 2026
9th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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.

There's **NO Bible Study** tomorrow. Back at 2pm next Monday, 10 August.

The **choir** are on holiday and **Tots Time** and **Sundays at Ten** have finished for the summer. All back in September.

WEEK AHEAD

Monday 10.30am Women's Group Coffee & Catch-up (See Notices)

Tuesday 10.00am Low Mass with Lectio Divina

Wednesday **Oswald, King of Northumbria, Martyr, 642**

Thursday **The Transfiguration of our Lord**

7.00pm Mass for the Mission of the Church followed by prayer before the Sacrament & Benediction

Saturday **Dominic, Priest, Founder of the Order of Preachers, 1221**

10.00am Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary followed by the Parish Walsingham Group

Evening Prayer is said at 5.30pm Monday to Thursday & 4.30pm Friday in the Lady Chapel

NEXT SUNDAY

10th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00am Low Mass

10.00am Parish Mass

6.00pm broken/

Readings Romans 10.5-15; Matthew 14.22-33

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 Mass of St Thomas David Thorne b.1950 (See service booklet)

Organ Prelude Preludes on Richmond ('City of God') and Stockton ('O for a heart to praise my God') Henry Coleman 1888–1965

HYMN 546 O worship the King

COLLECT

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the
Spirit in love and joy and peace;
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 Romans 9.1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ – I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit – I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

HYMN 515 Lord, thy word abideth

THE GOSPEL *Matthew 14.13-21*

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)

When Jesus heard that Herod had beheaded John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON Imogen de la Bere

THE CREED

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

HYMN 377 Angel voices

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE COMMUNION

Organ Music Prelude on Wareham ('O Saviour, Lord, to thee we pray') and Leicester ('I am not worthy')
Henry Coleman

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the table of
your Son
to share this meal with the whole
household of God:
in that new world where you reveal the
fullness of your peace,
gather people of every race and language
to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus
Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

HYMN 490 Jesus shall reign

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Organ Voluntary Prelude on Darwall's
148th ('Ye holy angels bright')
Henry Coleman

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, David, Sally, Fred Ward, Michael Downing, Christy Carroll, Annie Manning, Hilary Rodger, Sian Newton, John Ridgwell.

The recently departed Rex Winn, Louis Poulastides, Francesca Esposto.

Those whose Year's Mind falls this week

Sunday Henry Aldous, Mabel Bothwright, Mary Lambert, Albert Siggery; **Monday** Beatrice Folkes, Winifred Folkes, Arthur Haynes, Kay Lowney, Hilda Ross; **Tuesday** Julian Cobern, Donald Owen, Arthur Smith; **Wednesday** Audrey Arnold, Dorothy North, Mavis Reed, William Sharp, Kathleen Whitford; **Thursday** Florence Brown, Kathleen Davies, George Marten, George Martin; **Friday** Jane Christmas, Sidney Kenchington, Olive Majstorovic, Katherine Sampson.

Rex Winn RIP Rex's funeral will be a Requiem Mass in church on Thursday 6 August at 10.30am, followed by committal at West Herts Crematorium before returning to church for the wake.

Francesca Esposto RIP Please pray for the congregation at San Paolo, Fano after the sudden and unexpected death of Francesca Esposto. Francesca was part of the team who welcomed us to the parish in 2024 and last February and whose cheery enthusiasm played a big part in making us all feel at home. The congregation are in shock as she had not been unwell. Please hold them all in your prayers, especially Don Francesco, Sr Catherine and Francesca and her family.

Beer & Fizz Festival A huge thank you to those who volunteered their time and energy in support of this year's festival. We are still finalising the balance sheet, but even up against the World Cup and scorching weather the profits were in excess of £23,000, a portion of which will be shared with The Ver Valley Society.

Hightown Housing Association As the weather gets warmer they have a desperate need for bottled water, snacks and men's t-shirts and joggers. Any donations can be left in the box in the porch.

Big Butterfly Count The 2026 count is happening between Friday 17 July and Sunday 9 August. To find out more about this citizen science survey, see the church eco notice board or visit bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org.

Women's Group We shall be meeting tomorrow at Notcutts for coffee and our regular catch-up. Monday 3rd at 10.30am.

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