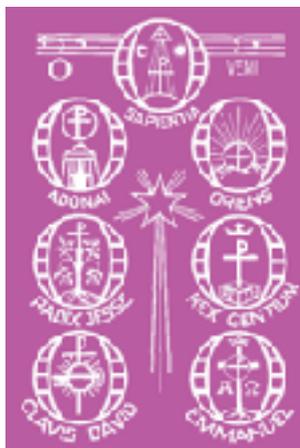


# St Saviour's Church

16 December 2018 - Advent 3 'Gaudete Sunday'



Today our focus is on the message and ministry of John the Baptist which is one of Good News and hope in the midst of challenge. The call to celebrate and rejoice is also present in the readings from Paul and Zephaniah. The church keeps these readings for now because the command to 'Rejoice' is the meaning of Gaudete Sunday. "The rose of the Advent candle is indicative of its more festal themes. We can celebrate the wedding feast only if we have prepared ourselves for the arrival of the Bridegroom. Joy flows from an embrace of repentance and a commitment to spiritual renewal" (Angus Ritchie, Church Times 8126)

## Parish Notes:

**O Antiphon Prayer** - Please join us each evening this week at 7pm and help us make it a time of spiritual renewal as we await the joy of Christ's birth.

**Nightshelter** - Begins this coming Saturday. Thank you to all who have agreed to help. Please keep our guests and volunteers in your prayers. We will also begin our 8:00 am Homeless mass for the season.

**Healing Service** - this Wednesday 19 Dec at 6pm in St Saviour's. We will follow the rite of healing as used at the shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham.

**Christmas Card Display** - please consider completing a card and a donation as a greener alternative to cards to your church friends.

**Sanctuary lamps** - list at the back of church and give your £4 donation to John.

**Carols & a Cuppa:** Please do join us this Sat 22 December at 12 noon. Last year this was a great community success. Let's make this year even better. Spread the word!

**Little wooden Nativity** - Handmade by our own churchwarden. Only £3 with proceeds going to the parish. Perhaps an ideal memento for distant family.

**Las Posada** - continues its journey with parishioners. See the twitter feed for details.

**Tea Rota** - It's time to review the tea and cleaning rotas for 2019. We'll assume those already volunteering wish to continue, but we still need help. Please see Liz.

**Moorland Primary** come to St Saviour's this Tuesday at 10am for their annual Christmas Carol Concert. All welcome!

**Advent and Christmas** - Copies of the services are still available. Please take a copy home and maybe one to give away.

**Recently Departed:** Brian Gunstone, Sylvia Lewis, Fr John Griffiths RIP

## Sun 16 Advent 3

9:30 Sung Mass (St S)

11am Sung Mass (St G)

7pm - O Antiphon Prayer

- O Wisdom (St G)

## Mon 17:

6pm No Mass (St G)

7pm O Antiphon Prayer -

O Lord (St S)

## Tues 18:

10am Mass (St S)

7pm O Antiphon Prayer -

O Root of Jesse (St S)

## Wed 19:

10am Mass (St G)

6pm Healing Serv. (St S)

7pm O Antiphon Prayer -

O Key of David (St G)

## Thur 20:

5:45pm Mass (St S)

7pm O Antiphon Prayer -

O Dayspring (St G)

## Fri 21:

6pm Mass (St S)

7pm O Antiphon Prayer -

O People's King (St S)

## Sat 22:

11am Mass (St S.)

12pm Carols & a Cuppa

at St Saviour's

7pm O Antiphon Prayer -

O Emmanuel (St G)

## Sun 23: Advent 4

**St Saviour's:**

9:30 Sung Mass

**St German's:**

11:00 am Sung Mass

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## READINGS THIS WEEK

Zeph 3:14-18a

Isa 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6

Phil 4:4-7

Luke 3:10-18

## READINGS NEXT WEEK

Ezek 17:22-24

Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16

2 Cor 5:6-10

Mark 4:26-

## PSALM:

**Sing and shout for joy  
for great in your midst  
is the Holy One of  
Israel. (3vv)**

**COLLECT:**

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

**GATHERING:**

Tell out, my soul,  
the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings  
give my spirit voice;  
tender to me the  
promise of his word;  
in God my Saviour  
shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul,  
the greatness of his Name!  
Make known his might,  
the deeds his arm has done;  
his mercy sure,  
from age to age to same;  
his holy Name--the Lord,  
the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul,  
the greatness of his might!  
Powers and dominions  
praise their glory by.  
Proud hearts and stubborn wills  
are put to flight,  
the hungry fed,  
the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul,  
the glories of his word!  
Firm is his promise,

and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul,  
the greatness of the Lord  
to children's children  
and for evermore!

**JESSE TREE SONG**

O Jesse tree, O Jesse tree,  
you stand through all the ages.  
O Jesse tree, O Jesse tree,  
your prophets and your sages.  
Remind us all of every sign  
that speaks of Jesus' love divine.  
O Jesse tree, O Jesse tree,  
you stand through all the ages.

O Jesse tree, O Jesse tree,  
you speak of Jesus' advent.  
O Jesse tree, O Jesse tree,  
you tell us all what God meant.  
We see in you the promised King  
who heals our hurts  
and helps us sing.  
O Jesse tree, O Jesse tree,  
you speak of Jesus' advent.

**OFFERTORY:**

Like a sea without a shore  
love divine is boundless.  
Time is now and evermore  
and his love surrounds us.

**Maranatha! Maranatha!**  
**Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus,**  
**Come!**

So that mankind could be free  
he appeared among us,  
blest are those who have not seen,  
yet believe his promise.

All our visions, all our dreams are  
but ghostly shadows  
Of the radiant clarity waiting at life's  
close

Death where is your victory?  
Death where is your sting?

Closer than the air we breathe  
is our risen King.

**COMMUNION:**

Like a candle flame  
Flickering small in our darkness  
Uncreated light  
Shines through infant eyes

**God is with us, alleluia**  
**God is with us, alleluia**  
**Come to save us, alleluia**  
**Come to save us**  
**Alleluia!**

Stars and angels sing  
Yet the earth sleeps in shadows  
Can this tiny spark  
Set a world on fire?

Yet his light shall shine  
From our lives, Spirit blazing  
As we touch the flame  
Of his holy fire

**FINAL HYMN:**

You shall go out with joy  
And be let forth with peace,  
And the mountains and the hills  
Shall break forth before you.  
There'll be shouts of joy  
And the trees of the fields  
Shall clap, shall clap their hands.

**And the trees of the fields shall**  
**clap their hands,**  
**And the trees of the fields shall**  
**clap their hands,**  
**And the trees of the fields shall**  
**clap their hands,**  
**And you'll go out with joy.**

You shall go out with joy  
And be let forth with peace,  
And the mountains and the hills  
Shall break forth before you.  
There'll be shouts of joy  
And the trees of the fields  
Shall clap, shall clap their hands.

Tell out, my soul,  
the greatness of the Lord  
to children's children  
and for evermore!

## FIRST READING

The First reading is from the prophet  
Zephaniah.

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion,  
Israel, shout aloud!  
Rejoice, exult with all your heart,  
daughter of Jerusalem!  
The Lord has repealed your  
sentence;  
he has driven your enemies away.  
The Lord, the king of Israel, is in  
your midst;  
you have no more evil to fear.  
When that day comes, word will  
come to Jerusalem:  
Zion, have no fear,  
do not let your hands fall limp.  
The Lord your God is in your midst,  
a victorious warrior.  
He will exult with joy over you,  
he will renew you by his love;  
he will dance with shouts of joy for  
you as on a day of festival.

This is the word of the Lord.

*Zeph 3*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

***Sing and shout for joy  
for great in your midst  
is the Holy One of Israel.***

Truly, God is my salvation,  
I trust, I shall not fear.  
For the Lord is my strength, my  
song,  
he became my saviour.  
With joy you will draw water  
from the wells of salvation. **R/**

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise  
to his name!  
Make his mighty deeds known to the  
peoples!  
Declare the greatness of his name.  
**R/**

Sing a psalm to the Lord  
for he has done glorious deeds;  
make them known to all the earth!

People of Zion, sing and shout for  
joy,  
for great in your midst is the Holy  
One of Israel. **R/**

*Isaiah 12*

## SECOND READING

A reading from the 1st letter of St  
Paul to the Philippians.

I want you to be happy, always  
happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I  
want is your happiness. Let your  
tolerance be evident to everyone:  
the Lord is very near.

There is no need to worry; but if  
there is anything you need, pray for  
it, asking God for it with prayer and  
thanksgiving, and that peace of God,  
which is so much greater than we  
can understand, will guard your  
hearts and your thoughts, in Christ  
Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord.

*Phil 14*

## GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel  
according to St Luke.

And the crowds asked him, 'What  
then should we do?' In reply he said  
to them, 'Whoever has two coats  
must share with anyone who has  
none; and whoever has food must  
do likewise.' Even tax-collectors  
came to be baptized, and they asked  
him, 'Teacher, what should we do?'  
He said to them, 'Collect no more  
than the amount prescribed for you.'  
Soldiers also asked him, 'And we,  
what should we do?' He said to  
them, 'Do not extort money from  
anyone by threats or false  
accusation, and be satisfied with  
your wages.' As the people were  
filled with expectation, and all were  
questioning in their hearts  
concerning John, whether he might  
be the Messiah, John answered all of  
them by saying, 'I baptize you with  
water; but one who is more  
powerful than I is coming; I am not  
worthy to untie the thong of his  
sandals. He will baptize you with the  
Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-  
fork is in his hand, to clear his

threshing-floor and to gather the  
wheat into his granary; but the chaff  
he will burn with unquenchable fire.'  
So, with many other exhortations,  
he proclaimed the good news to the  
people.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*Luke 3*