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SUNDAY 21st February 2021 THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Welcome to St Saviour's, especially if this is your first visit or if you haven't been to church in a while! If you would like say hello to one of the clergy or the hospitality team please do (hiding behind a pillar is fine too if you're a bit shy!) This booklet contains everything you need to follow this service, please join in as far as you would like but don't worry about remembering when to stand, or kneel, or sit, go along with what feels comfortable. A collection is taken during the Offertory Hymn, this helps to pay for the upkeep of the church and more importantly it helps to keep the mission and outreach of the church going, please give what you can. If you pay tax please fill out a Gift-Aid envelope, this allows us to claim extra dosh from the Government!

View From A Pew

During lockdown the rainbow has become a symbol of hope, originally of course, according to scripture, it was a covenant made between God and Noah, Noah representing all mankind. It seems to signify I think a necessary and intimate relationship between God and all his creation, man, animals and nature a link we have neglected (at our peril) and which scientists are suggesting will create further problems if we don't do something about it. Each of the Gospels, except John, mention the Wilderness Experience yet Mark, though brief and to the point as ever, also mentions that Jesus was with the wild beasts. Jesus, man, nature, all part of creation and re-creation in Christ Jesus.



The Introductory Rites

*As the bell is rung all **stand** as the clergy approach the altar. As he comes to the altar the bishop prays a silent prayer of preparation, he kisses the altar because it contains a relic and so asks for the saint's prayers for us all, finally he censes it. The altar is a symbol of Jesus here with and so is treated with great respect.*

Bishop ✠ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All **Amen**
Bishop Peace be with you.
All **And with your Spirit.**

The bishop invites us to offer to God the times that we have done things we should not have done, knowing that God forgives all who are truly sorry. This means we can begin worship knowing we have been set right with God.

All **I confess to almighty God**
 and to you my brothers and sisters,
 that I have greatly sinned,
 in my thoughts and in my words,
 in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
 and, striking their breast, all say
 through my fault, through my fault,
 through my most grievous fault;
 therefore I ask Blessed Mary, ever Virgin,
 all the Angels and Saints,
 and you, my brothers and sisters,
 to pray for me to the Lord our God

Bishop May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to
 everlasting life.
All **Amen**

Bishop Lord, have mercy.
All **Lord, have mercy.**
Bishop Christ, have mercy.
All **Christ, have mercy.**
Bishop Lord, have mercy.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

As Lent is a season of penance and preparation we don't sing the Gloria as we would normally do, this reminds us that this is a less celebratory time of year.

*The bishop then prays the **Collect** which sums up all our prayers for the day. After the prayer we **sit** for the readings, which come from the Old Testament (the Hebrew Bible Jesus would have known), followed by a psalm, then from the Epistles/Letters and a Gospel passage.*

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Genesis 9:8-15

A reading from the book of Genesis

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

Reader The word of the Lord
All **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 24(25)

The Response is:

Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.

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| 1 Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and
teach me:
for you are my God and saviour. R. | 3 Remember your mercy, Lord
and the love you have shown from
of old.
In your love remember me, because
of your goodness, O Lord. R |
| 5 The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. R. | |

Second Reading

1 Peter 3:18-22

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

Reader The word of the Lord
All **Thanks be to God**

We stand as the Gospel is heralded

Bishop Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
 May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind,
 so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.
All **Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**

The Gospel

Mark 1:12-15

Deacon The Lord be with you
All **And with your Spirit**

Deacon ✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
All **Glory to you, O Lord**

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

At the end:

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord
All **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

The Homily

*We **sit** for the Homily, this is a short talk about the readings we have just heard or the theme of the day. Its purpose is to help us better understand the scriptures and how wisdom and advice that is so old can still help us today. After the homily comes the **Creed** for which we **stand**. This is the Church's statement of belief and the word Creed comes from the Latin word for 'I believe.' If you are new to church or not a Christian do not feel you have to say the words with us. Have a read of them before the service (or if the Homily is boring then!) and if you feel you can agree with the words you are most welcome to join in saying them.*

The Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father, and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead ✠ and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Following the Creed we **sit**.*

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

At the offertory the altar is prepared, the sacred vessels, the chalice (cup) and paten (plate) are laid out and the gifts of bread and wine are offered back to God who first gave them to us. To mark these things out as holy offerings set aside for God blessings particular prayers are said. The bishop washes his hands asking for purity (and practically its more hygienic, especially in these Covid times)

*The bishop prays silently asking Our Lady the saints will join with us in prayer, he then asks us to pray with and for him as we **stand**:*

Bishop Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy church.**

The bishop then prays the prayer over the gifts before beginning the Eucharistic (thanksgiving) Prayer, saying:

Bishop The Lord be with you.

All **And with your Spirit.**

Bishop Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right and just.**

The bishop goes on to say the Preface, this speaks to the theme of the day on special occasions or reminds us of important things to do with Jesus' mission to us. It begins the Eucharistic Prayer which is a remembering of both the Last Supper, and Jesus' sacrifice of himself on the Cross. The preface ends with words used to greet Jesus when he entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.

All **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.**

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

✠ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*All **kneel or sit** and the bishop continues with the prayer during which the gifts of bread and wine are consecrated and so very truly become the Body and Blood of Jesus. During the prayer the bishop may make many gestures and blessings which may seem strange, do speak Fr Andrew or Fr Glen at some point and they will happily talk to you about what happens. Part way through comes the following acclamation and response.*

Bishop The Mystery of Faith

All **Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.**

The prayer continues and concludes:

Bishop Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours,
for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

All stand and the bishop invites us to join in saying the Lord's Prayer

The Communion Rite

All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into
temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Bishop Deliver us, Lord, we pray...

All **For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever.**

The bishop introduces the Peace

Bishop The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All **And with your Spirit.**

In light of recent recommendations in order to reduce the spread of infection we share the Peace simply through this call and response rather than through any physical gesture; as was the practice up until really quite recently.

All **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.**

The bishop then breaks the consecrated Host and drops a tiny fragment into the chalice to symbolise the re-joining of Christ's body and blood after it was spilled on the Cross. To prepare himself to receive communion he prays silently and we are encouraged to do the same. The bishop invites us to receive communion by elevating the Broken Host and saying:

Bishop Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the
sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
All **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under
my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Having acclaimed the Real Presence of Christ the clergy make their communion.

*If you have been joining us for the Rosary or would like to begin that meditation this might be an ideal moment to reflect on **The Fifth Luminous Mystery – The Institution of the Eucharist** or **The First Glorious Mystery – The Resurrection**? Perhaps offer a decade thinking about either of these as you make your spiritual communion?*

*We **stand** for the prayer after communion.*

The Concluding Rites

Bishop The Lord be with you
All **And with your Spirit**

The following may be added before the blessing:

Bishop Blessed be the name of the Lord.
All **Now and for ever.**
Bishop Our help is in the name of the Lord.
All **Who made heave and earth.**

Bishop May almighty God bless you, the Father, ✠ and the Son, ✠ and the Holy ✠
Spirit.
All **Amen**
Deacon Go forth the mass is ended.
All **Thanks be to God.**

*We **remain standing** and again the bishop kisses the altar in a gesture of thanks and farewell. As the bishop then returns to the sacristy he prays silently for himself and for those who have received God in this mass.*

Lent Devotions

Given the current uncertainty of continuing restrictions our Lent devotions will have to be somewhat different to normal, the following are intended but subject to evolution!

Mondays – Mass will be celebrated at 10am following Morning Prayer rather than in the evening.

Stations of the Cross will be lead at 7pm at Holy Trinity

Thursdays – The Lent Course, reflecting on the preceding Sunday's Gospel and homily will be online via zoom at 7pm.

Fridays – Stations of the Cross will be lead at 7pm at S. Saviour's and at S.

Werburgh's simultaneously (what's the point of having a curate if he isn't made to work for a living...)

Sundays – Compline, although an increasingly established part of our pattern of online gathered worship some may wish to take it up as part of their Lenten discipline – remember unlike the worship on Facebook this is interactive and we are allowed to be sociable!

Inquisitive Children

The first of our online sessions for inquisitive (sounds better than curious!) children will be this afternoon at 3pm via the Children's Church Messenger Group on Facebook.

Conqueror Challenge – The Camino

On Ash Wednesday, with the beginning of Lent, Fr Andrew and Fr Glen will also begin their virtual pilgrimage along the fabled Camino, the road to Santiago De Compostela. They are doing this for a variety of reasons, partly a spiritual discipline for Lent, partly a means of keeping active and healthy in lockdown (and encouraging other to do the same), partly to be seen more out and about in the parish, and partly to raise money. The money raised will primarily go towards supporting the work, mission, and administration of the Team Ministry centrally, but a proportion will also be donated to the local charity Ruff and Ruby which seeks to support young people and especially to raise aspirations. The pilgrimage will require the clergy to cover the equivalent of 480miles or 772km, and it is their hope and aim to "reach" Santiago in time for Pentecost. Ever since the Middle Ages this has been a famous and popular pilgrimage route and has been the inspiration for art, film, and television for a long time, we would dearly love to make the journey physically but for now this will have to do. We very much hope you will support us and sponsor us as we make this journey through Lent and Easter and we shall keep you up to date with our progress in church and online.

Prayer List

As we are returning to public worship now seems to be the ideal time to update the list of the sick particularly. If you would like particular names included let Fr Andrew know. Names on the pewsheets will appear for about a month, if prayer is still required they will be moved to the list of long-term/ongoing illness. The pewsheets are for short-term illness or those who have been rushed to hospital and are in acute need.

The Sick and Those in Need

Jack, John, Darren, Terry, Pamela, Fr Chris, Fr Ron, Sean and Sarah, Audrey, Wilki, Gwen, Mike and Amina Monir

The Recently Departed

June Jones, Myra Ramshaw, and Marie Birds

Anointing of the Sick

This sacrament is open to all who are ill in any way, it is no longer reserved to those who are dying. If you are unwell, or preparing for an operation you are most welcome to receive an anointing, again just let Fr Andrew know. If you, or a family member, or a member of this congregation goes into hospital please let us know – Fr Andrew may be many things but psychic, he is not.

Except when absent from the parish, Fr Andrew is on call 24/7 in case of emergencies, especially if someone is dying, he would much prefer a lost night's sleep than discover too late someone had died without prayer and the sacraments.

When Fr Andrew is away please get in touch with one of the Church Wardens and they will find you a priest.

Baptisms, Marriages, and Funerals

All of these offices are by arrangement please speak to Fr Andrew about instruction and availability

Notes on the Diary:

Days in italicised type called Ferias are the 'ordinary' weekdays of the year or season

Days in plain type are memoria, commemorations of the saints

Days in bold type are feasts, they are the more important days in the year

DAYS IN BOLD RED CAPITALS ARE SOLEMNITIES, THESE ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT DAYS AND IF POSSIBLE YOU ARE REQUIRED TO BE AT MASS. (as the BCP would say, red letter days!)

The letters after a saint's name indicate something about them M = Martyr, Bp = Bishop, Pr = Priest, Dn = Deacon, Rel = Religious, V = Virgin and so on.

The letter in brackets indicates the liturgical colour of the day, green, red, white and so on

The item in brackets is the mass/prayer intention for the day.

Please note that Fr Andrew's usual day of rest is Saturday and Fr Glen's is Monday, they are available in case of emergency otherwise please try and avoid contacting them as they take some down time

THIS WEEK'S DIARY

FIRST WEEK OF LENT

Lectionary Cycle - Sundays Year B – Weekdays Year I

Monday 22nd February

The Chair of S. Peter (W)

(for the unity of the Church)

9.00am Morning Prayer (SS)

10.00am Mass (SS)

6.00pm Evening Prayer (SS)

7.00pm **Stations of the Cross (HT)**

Tuesday 23rd February

Lent Feria with Commemoration of S. Polycarp, Bp &

(for the church in the Middle East)

M (P)

9.00am Morning Prayer (HT)

10.00am Mass (HT)

12.30pm Funeral Service (SS)

6.00pm Evening Prayer (HT)

Wednesday 24th February

Lent Feria (P)

(for the sick and those in need)

9.00am Morning Prayer (SW)

6.00pm Evening Prayer (SW)

7.00pm Mass (SW)

Thursday 25th February

Lent Feria (P)

(for the repose of the soul of Marie Birds)

9.00am Morning Prayer (SS)

10.00am Mass of Requiem (SS)

6.00pm Evening Prayer (SW)

7.00pm **Lent Course (online)**

Friday 26th February

Lent Feria (P)

(for the gift of charity)

9.00am Morning Prayer (SW)

12noon Mass (HT)

6.00pm Evening Prayer (HT)

7.00pm **Stations of the Cross (SS)**

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Saturday 27th February

Lent Feria (P)

(for a spirit of reconciliation)

10.00am Holy Communion (SW)

Sunday 28th February

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (P)

(Our Team, mission and outreach)

9.30am SAID PARISH MASS (SW)

10.30am SAID PARISH MASS (HT)

11.30am SAID PARISH MASS (SS)

3.00pm Inquisitive Children (online)

7.00pm Compline (Zoom)