

St. Saviour's Parish Church, Great Moor



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Worship

Sundays 10.45 a.m. Sung Eucharist ~ Modern Language

Healing Service on the 2nd Sunday of every month at 10.45 a.m.

Baptisms take place on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 12.30 p.m.

Wednesdays 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (with candles 1st Wed.)

Church is open for quiet reflection, prayer or lighting a candle

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 11 a.m. until 12 noon

The Vicar Writes:

Dear friends

May and June always feel like a turning point. Spring gives way to early summer, the days grow longer, and there's a quiet sense of energy and possibility in the air. In the life of the church, this is also a rich and hopeful season as we continue to live in the light of Easter and move towards Pentecost—the moment when the Holy Spirit was poured out and the Church truly came alive. Easter reminds us that Jesus is risen, that hope is real, and that new life is not just a nice idea but a present reality. But Pentecost takes that a step further. It reminds us that we are not left to follow Jesus in our own strength. God gives us his Spirit—his presence with us and within us—to guide, strengthen, and equip us for the life he calls us to live.

As we step into these months, perhaps there's an invitation for each of us to be open again to the work of the Spirit. Where might God be nudging you? Where might he be inviting you to grow, to step out, or to trust him more deeply? Often it's in the small, quiet moments—a conversation, an act of kindness, a decision to pray—that we see the Spirit most at work.

Following our Annual Meeting at the end of April, we now begin the important work of living out the vision and priorities we have discerned together. These aren't just words on paper, but a shared sense of where God is leading us as a church. In the coming months, we'll start to take practical steps—exploring what this looks like in our worship, our community life, and our service beyond the church walls. Please do pray for wisdom, unity, and courage as we move forward together.

With every blessing,

Reverend Jess

Holy Week and Easter at St Saviour's 2026

This year during Holy Week we journeyed with Jesus from the excitement of Palm Sunday through to the pain of Good Friday and beyond to the elation of the empty tomb on Easter Day.



On Wednesday Aly led a beautifully reflective Stations of the Cross. This year for the first time the Maundy Thursday Eucharist took the form of an Agape meal in church. This was an opportunity for the congregation to gather and share food together just as Jesus had gathered with his disciples. As Jeff explains "it was a moving service and there was a sense that Jesus was here with us"



On Good Friday Revd. Jess led the congregation in a beautiful service where there was an opportunity to pause and reflect. The service included readings and music and an opportunity to lay a pebble at the foot of the cross.

On Easter Day our whole church community gathered to celebrate the wonder of the resurrection in an uplifting service followed by an Easter Egg Hunt and a Chocolate Feast.

A huge thank you to all those who supported and served at each of our services.

Easter Activities

Experience Easter and Easter Crafts

We welcomed the children of Great Moor Junior school into church to take part in an immersive and interactive journey through the Easter story visiting various stations set up around church.

On the Monday of Holy Week, we again held our very successful Easter Craft afternoon. We welcomed children and their families into church where they created different art projects reflecting different parts of Holy Week.

Easter Bonnet Competition

This year for the first time we held an Easter Bonnet competition with some amazing entries.



Congratulations to our winners Freddie, Archie and Maria.

A Huge thank you to all our volunteers who helped at these events

My Favourite Hymn

For this edition the Editor shares her favourite hymn.

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

As long serving chorister at St Saviour's there are so many hymns that I love and enjoy singing that it is almost impossible to choose just one. The hymn I have chosen is one that has a special meaning to me. The words are very moving and comforting and were adapted from a poem written by an American Quaker poet named John Greenleaf Whittier (1807 – 1892). The hymn was then adapted by Garret Horder in 1884 and is traditionally sung to the tune Repton by Hubert Parry.

In 2006 I was privileged to be part of Canon Diane's pilgrimage to the Holy Land. A pilgrimage that held many special moments and one that I shared with my mum Edna. Towards the end of the pilgrimage we were staying by the Galilee and took a trip on a simple fishing boat out into the lake. After a little while led by Canon Diane we all sang 'Dear Lord and Father of Mankind'. In that moment the words took on a special meaning and I often think of that time on the fishing boat sat next to my mum on the calm, still waters of the Galilee.

O sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity
interpreted by love!
interpreted by love!

150 Years of Mothers' Union



This year marks 150 years of Mothers' Union which began in 1876. Mary Sumner, the wife of a rector in Hampshire, formed a group to support mothers from all backgrounds in bringing up their children. After delivering a speech in 1885 to the Portsmouth Church Congress, she inspired many women present to go back to their parishes and set up similar groups.

Over time, the groups that met as Mothers' Union became embedded in their communities. They forged strong links with local people and the Anglican Church. They worked to support one another and give a voice to disadvantaged women while addressing wider societal issues. Driven by Mary Sumner's passion for the role of women in bringing about a better society, the groups proved very popular.

Today Mothers' Union is a worldwide organisation a diverse and inclusive community present in approximately 84 countries around the world, working together for a future where everyone has the opportunity to thrive. Mothers' Union members are not all mothers, or even all women – they are female and male, single and married, parents and grandparents, young adults expressing social conscience and older adults volunteering in their local community.

Mothers' Union provides a network through which they can serve Christ in their community, through prayer, financial support, and actively working in programmes and projects that meet local needs.

For more information about Mother's Union visit www.motherunion.org

Celebrating 150 years of Mother's Union at St Saviours

Here at St Saviours, we have a long tradition of a thriving Mothers' Union group. We currently have 15 members. The group meets on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 2pm in the church hall. There is a short act of worship followed by a social activity and refreshments.

Mothers' Union always welcomes new members, and you do not have to be able to attend the monthly meetings to be part of Mothers' Union here at St Saviours. Please contact Christine Moore if you are interested in becoming a member .

**You are invited to join us for a special service of
celebration on Sunday 14th June at 10.45am**



Wednesday 20th May 2pm in Church Hall

Hearing Dogs



Hearing Dogs
for Deaf People

Please join us as we find out more about the charity Hearing Dogs. With a special visit from ambassador dog 'Wren'

All welcome

SPOTLIGHT ON



Finding out more about the people and organisations that are part of our church community here at St Saviour's.

MENSSA

MENSSA which stands for 'Men at St Saviours' was started ten years ago as social group for men. Since then, it has gone from strength to strength with over 15 members who meet regularly for social activities.

The group meet on the 2nd Tuesday of every month and enjoy a lively and varied range of activities from ten pin bowling, golf and pool to enjoying a meal out at a local restaurant.

Members of MENSSA enjoyed a meal out at M&J's Restaurant in High Lane.



MENSSA are always ready to welcome new members. If you are interested in joining please contact Roger on 0161 439 0371

1st May - May Day: unbridled merriment

May is the month when the ancient pagans used to get up to 'all sorts'! The Romans held their festival to honour the mother-goddess Maia, goddess of nature and growth. (May is named after her.) The early Celts celebrated the feast of Beltane, in honour of the sun god, Beli.

For centuries in 'Olde England' the people went mad in May. After the hardship of winter, and hunger of early Spring, May was a time of indulgence and unbridled merriment.

Henry VIII went 'maying' on many occasions. Then folk would stay out all night in the dark rain-warm thickets and return in the morning for dancing on the green around the May pole, archery, vaulting, wrestling, and evening bonfires.

The Protestant reformers took a strong stand against May Day, and in 1644 May Day was abolished altogether. Many May poles came down - only to go up again at the Restoration, when the first May Day of King Charles's reign was 'the happiest Mayday that hath been many a year in England', according to Pepys.

May Day to most people today brings vague folk memories of a young Queen of the May decorated with garlands and streamers and flowers, a May Pole to weave, Morris dancing, and the intricacies of well dressing at Tissington in Derbyshire.

May Day is a medley of natural themes such as sunrise, the advent of summer, growth in nature, and - since 1833 - Robert Owen's vision of a millennium in the future, beginning on May Day, when there would be no more poverty, injustice or cruelty, but harmony and friendship. This is why, in modern times, May Day has become Labour Day, which honours the dignity of workers.

St Columba



St Columba's Day, celebrated on June 9th honours the life and contributions of St. Columba, an important figure in the early Christian Church and one of Ireland's patron saints.

Columba (c. 521 -97) was born in Donegal of the royal Ui Neill clan, and he trained as a monk. In 565 Columba left Ireland with twelve companions for Iona, an island off southwest Scotland.

Why would a monk in his mid-40s go into such voluntary exile? Various explanations include: voluntary exile for Christ, an attempt to help overseas compatriots in their struggle for survival, or even as some sort of punishment for his part in a row over a psalter in Ireland. Whatever the reason, Columba went to Iona and spent the rest of his life in Scotland, returning to Ireland only for occasional visits.

Columba's biographer, Adomnan, portrays him as a tall, striking figure of powerful build and impressive presence, who combined the skills of scholar, poet and ruler with a fearless commitment to God's cause.

Columba died in church just before Matins, and it is a tribute to this man that his traditions were upheld by his followers for about a century, not least in the Synod of Whitby and in Irish monasteries on the continent of Europe.

Prayer of St Columba:

Christ With Us
My dearest Lord,
Be Thou a bright flame before me,
Be Thou a guiding star above me,
Be Thou a smooth path beneath me,
Be Thou a kindly shepherd behind me,
Today and evermore.

Christian Aid Week - 10th to 16th May



It's that time of year again – when Christians across the country raise funds for Christian Aid's programmes, which help those suffering poverty and injustice worldwide.

Since 1957, Christian Aid Week has brought faith and action together to help families survive poverty and violence, and communities rebuild after crisis.

It says: "This is all thanks to the amazing support of churches, communities and individuals who choose to walk, run, bake, dance, make, and do whatever it takes to help make lasting change.

"Through our locally led work with partners around the world who are rooted in their communities to lead change, your valuable support will help communities ravaged by poverty and the effects of the climate crisis.

Christian Aid welcomes anyone who would like to be involved this year in raising support.

Envelopes are enclosed in this edition of the magazine for you to include your donation.

Please return your envelope by Sunday 17th May

Thank you!

Poetry Corner

Red Squirrels on the Isle of Wight

A sunbeam, in the woods of Wight
Illumines a magenta coat
And, sat within that beam of light.
A squirrel – red! And how we gloat!
Though squirrels are a common sight
We see them nearly ev'ry day
Aloft within the treetops height
But there, upon the Isle of Wight
No greys have ever set a paw
So go! You never know, you might
See squirrels you've not seen before.
A lovely island's best delight –
Red squirrels on the Isle of Wight.

*By Nigel Beeton***

Nigel Beeton writes: "I promise that I'm not receiving any commission from the Isle of Wight Tourist Board, but we had a lovely couple of weeks on that verdant isle last year. It has much to offer visitors of all ages, but for us, the highlight was spotting a red squirrel as we walked in the woods. This was the first time we'd ever seen a red squirrel in the wild, and it made our holiday!"



Pentecost Prayer

How much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him... (Luke 11:13b)

Heavenly Father,
In these troubled times we need your help, just like those first disciples did when Jesus came back to you after his resurrection. They must have wanted him to stay with them. They must have felt puzzled and bereft – and wondered how to go on.

But you, Lord, knew a better way. You sent them a helper, the Holy Spirit to fill them with your life. We thank you so much that the same Spirit will be our helper too, if we are willing to ask you for him. We will be able to face each day, each challenge, with your Spirit living in us to guide and empower us, to enable us to carry on even when we don't understand.

So, we pray, come Holy Spirit, fill us, encourage us to carry on sharing your love and life and truth, in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

Pentecost Quotes

If I had known how wonderful it would be to have grandchildren, I'd have had them first. – L Wyse

When you talk, you only repeat what you already know, but if you listen you may learn something. – Amish school proverb

The fruit of the Spirit is not excitement or orthodoxy: it is character. – GB Duncan

A Recipe for Pentecost



Queen Mother Cake

A recipe by Chris Anderton. Chris explains that this is a favourite cake recipe passed on to the family by an aunt who was a vicar's wife.

Pour one breakfast cup of boiling water over 8ozs chopped dates. Add one teaspoon of bicarbonate of soda. Let it stand, whilst the following ingredients are mixed.

8ozs (225g) Sugar 1 tsp Baking Powder

3ozs(85g) Butter $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp salt

1 tsp Vanilla Essence 2 ozs(55g) chopped walnuts

10ozs(285g) Plain flour

Add all the above to the date mixture, and bake for 35 minutes in a moderate oven, 180 degrees C(reduced to 170 degrees for fan oven) in a 9" x 12" tray bake cake tin (Swiss roll tin)

Topping

5 tbsp Brown sugar

2 tbsp Butter

2 tbsp Fresh cream or top of the milk

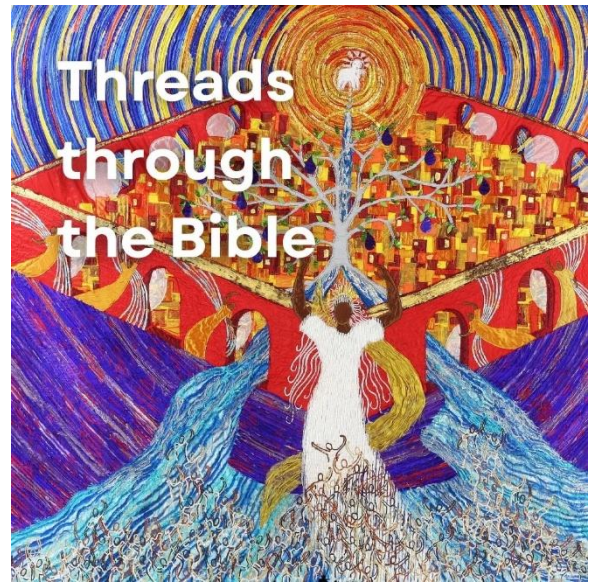
Mix together and boil for 5 minutes, spread on the top of the cake, sprinkle with chopped walnuts if liked.

This recipe 's instructions were prior to metric measurements and the introduction to fan ovens. However, with a slightly lower temperature in a fan oven it should work as well.

Events at Chester Cathedral

Threads through the Bible

8th May - 28th
June



Experience a breathtaking journey through the story of creation, redemption and revelation in this remarkable textile exhibition. Featuring three monumental sequences - Threads through Creation, Threads through the Cross and Threads through Revelation - by textile artist Jacquie Parkinson.

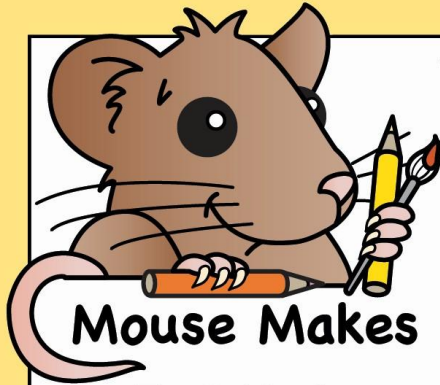
Ten years in the making and composed of more than 25 million stitches across 44 panels, this extraordinary display celebrates both artistic devotion with the timeless message of the Bible.

This is one of the largest textile artworks ever created by a single artist. Together the panels stretch over 80 metres, weaving scenes of beauty, faith and hope with colour and creativity on an awe-inspiring scale.

Discover how art and faith interweave to tell the greatest story ever stitched.

For more information visit chesterCathedral.com/events

Children's Page



Mouse Makes

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

The Spirit of

Genesis 1:2

The

of the Father.

Acts 1:4

The Spirit of

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Romans 8:15

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John 14:26

The Spirit of

John 16:13

The Spirit of

Acts 16:7

The Fruit of the Spirit

Galatians 5:22-23

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What happened when the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost?

read Acts 2:1-41

How many believers were baptised that day?

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 K E O N P P E A C E G O D
 I N U F A K J D H J R R F
 N T N A T L O V E O A D H
 D L S I I O H O L Y C D L
 N E E T E A I C P L E E G
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 J S R J O T R U T H F S Y
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 I D W I N D D O V E W

Look up the Bible verses and fill in the missing words. Look for them in the word search then look for these words below.

HOLY • SPIRIT • COUNSELLOR • COMFORTER
 ADVOCATE • TEACHER • LORD • PROMISE
 GLORY • GRACE • FAITH • DOVE • FIRE • WIND



Parish Registers

Rachel Duffy & Phillip Howarth, married at St Saviour's on Saturday 23rd May



'We welcome you into the Church Family'

Rosie Longden, baptised on Sunday 24th May

100 Club Winners – February

1st Prize ~ Chris Watts

2nd Prize ~ Joe/Erin White

3rd Prize ~ Ann Brinklow

March

1st Prize ~ Pauline Hadfield

2nd Prize ~ Trisha Garratt

3rd Prize ~ Trevor Hodge

Congratulations!

All in the month of May

It was...

90 years ago, on 7th May 1936 that British aviator Amy Johnson made the fastest-ever (at that time) solo flight from England to Cape Town.

Also 90 years ago, on 27th May 1936 that the RMS Queen Mary began her maiden voyage, sailing from Southampton to New York.

80 years ago, on 11th May 1946 that the first CARE packages for Europe arrived in Le Havre, to help people who were starving after WWII.

75 years ago, on 3rd May 1951 that the Festival of Britain and the Royal Festival Hall in London were opened.

Also 75 years ago, on 9th May 1951 that the Lake District National Park was established as Britain's second national park.

70 years ago, on 24th May 1956 that the first Eurovision Song Contest was held in Lugano, Switzerland. It was won by Switzerland.

65 years ago, on 31st May 1961 that Michael Ramsay became Archbishop of Canterbury (until 1974).

10 years ago, on 31st May 2016 that Carla Lane, TV screenwriter, died. Best remembered for creating the sitcoms *The Liver Birds*, *Butterflies*, and *Bread*.

300 years ago, on 25th May 1726 that the world's first Circulating Library (lending library) was launched by Scottish poet and bookseller Allan Ramsay at his bookshop in Edinburgh.

What's On May and June 2026



Worship

Sung Eucharist every Sunday at 10.45 am

Wednesday Holy Communion/Morning Prayer at 10.30 am

Regular Events

Community Café every Wednesday 11 am – 1pm in the
Church Hall

Bible Study every 1st and 3rd Thursday 7.30pm at 4 Lisburne
Lane

Choir Practice every alternate Friday 7pm in Church

Key Events and Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
Saturday 9 th May	Working Party 10am-12 noon
Tuesday 12 th May	MENSSA – Australian Golf 7.30pm
Wednesday 20 th May	Mothers' Union – Hearing Dogs
Saturday 23 rd May	Wedding 2pm
Monday 8 th June	Mothers' Union Chaplain at St Georges
Tuesday 9 th June	MENSSA -Turkish/Greek meal 7.30pm
Saturday 13 th June	Family Fun Day
Sunday 14 th June	Mothers' Union Celebration Service – 10.45am
Monday 15 th June	PCC meeting at the Vicarage 7.30pm
Sunday 28 th June	100 Club Draw in church hall after morning service.

Please note the dates and times above are provisional and may change if necessary. Please check Prayer and Action and our social media pages for up-to-date information.

St Saviour's Stockport

FAMILY FUN DAY!

Join us for an afternoon of fun!

Saturday 13th June 2026

From 1pm - 4pm

Garden Games



Strawberry Tea



Tombolas & More!



Live Music

At St Saviour's Church, Great Moor, Stockport

Fun for All the Family!

St Saviour's Stockport

GREAT MOOR

Competitions!

As part of the Family Fun Day!

**Victoria Sponge
Competition**

For Adults



**Junk Modelling
Competition**

For Children



**Join in the Fun at St Saviour's
Family Fun Day - Saturday 13th June!**



**Prizes to be won for Best
Victoria Sponge and Most Creative
Junk Model!**

Spring Garden Working Parties

The following dates have been scheduled to tidy up the church garden, grounds and also inside the church.

They will be on a **Saturday from 10am until 12pm**

May 9th

July 18th

September 12th

November 7th

We really do need help and any time that you can give will be most appreciated , even making a well earned cup of tea for everyone will be great !

Our lives are very busy, but just a couple of hours will definitely make a huge difference.

Thankyou - Angela, Christine and Karin





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