

St. Saviour's Parish Church, Great Moor



See how the wild flowers grow! They don't work to earn, or craft their own clothes, but even King Solomon with all his wealth was not dressed as well as they are. Lk 12:27-28

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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

As I write this, the summer holidays are fast approaching. For some, that will mean trips away, days out, family gatherings, and hopefully a chance to rest. For others, life will continue much as normal, perhaps with a slightly different pace as schools close and routines change.

The summer months often feel different. There is more daylight, more opportunity to be outdoors, and perhaps a little more space in our diaries. Space can be a precious gift. In a world that often feels busy and demanding, having room to pause, reflect and simply be, can help us notice God's presence in ways that we sometimes miss. Throughout the Bible, we see that God often meets people in moments when they step away from the ordinary demands of life. Moses encountered God in the wilderness. Elijah heard God's voice not in the wind or earthquake, but in the gentle whisper. Even Jesus regularly withdrew to quiet places to pray.

As a church, we have been reflecting on what it means to make space: space for God, space for one another, and space for our wider community. Our recent Family Fun Day was one example of that—creating opportunities for people to come together, enjoy friendship, and experience something of God's welcome. Whatever your plans this summer, my prayer is that you will find moments to rest, to be refreshed, and to encounter God's love afresh. May you know that the God who journeys with us through every season remains faithful, present, and full of grace.

With every blessing,

Reverend Jess

St Saviour's A.P.C.M

Our A.P.C.M took place after worship on Sunday 26th April. Revd. Jess chaired the meeting and 46 parishioners attended.



Roger presented the finance report with opportunities to ask questions. Reports on the fabric of the church along with reports on safeguarding, the Deanery and a Parish Nursing update were circulated. Trisha presented an update on the electoral roll.

Parishioners were given an opportunity to discuss, ask questions and reflect on a range of issues including the development of the church space, pastoral care and children's ministry at St Saviour's. Responses gathered will contribute to discussions and decision making at future PCC meetings.

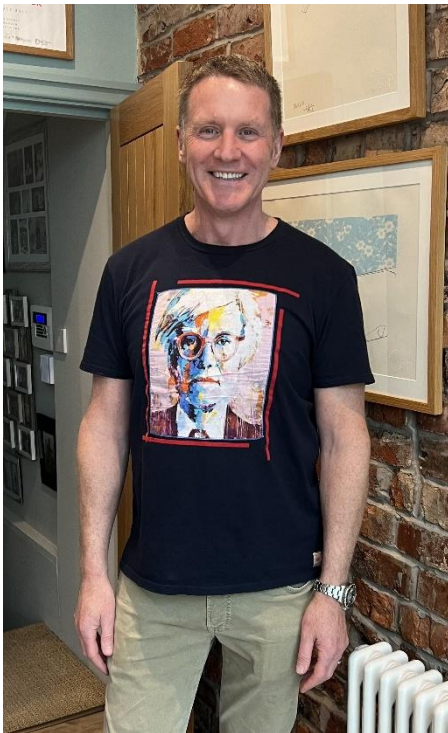
Congratulations to Karin and Christine who were re-elected to serve as Church Wardens.

Also, Sue, Trevor and Aly who were elected to the PCC and to Cathy, Doug and Karin who were elected to serve on Deanery Synod.

Introducing Lee Woolfe

our Parish Safeguarding Officer

The Parish Safeguarding Officer plays a crucial role in maintaining a safe environment for all. They work closely with the PCC to ensure that safeguarding responsibilities are met.



With a strong background in health and social care, Lee brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the role. He is the named professional for Adult Safeguarding at Stockport NHS FT, with responsibilities that include providing support and advice, as well as delivering training to the wider workforce and voluntary services.

Lee lives locally in the Parish and has been a member of our congregation here at St Saviour's for over three years. He is very much looking forward to taking on the role and feels it is a privilege to be able to serve the Parish in this way.

We very much thank Lee for giving his time and expertise to take on this important role in the life of our church.

Article by Cathy Finney

St Saviour's Family Fun Day

Sunday June 13th

St Saviour's Family Fun Day was held on Saturday June 13th from 1pm until 4pm. There were plenty of activities on offer for the children including a selection of garden games, football and of course a bouncy castle. The children loved meeting Vernon Bear who was our special guest for the day

For the adults there was a tombola and raffle as well as 'guess the name of the bear' and 'guess the number of sweets in the jar'. In the church hall our kitchen team worked tirelessly serving drinks, cakes and delicious cream teas.



Later in the afternoon families were treated to a performance by our very own St Saviour's choir. The choir began by singing a selection of 'assembly bangers' including Shine Jesus Shine and One More Step Along the World I Go. Sarah and Jeff performed a duet together and the choir finished with a song from Joseph and a favourite from the musical Sister Act.

The choir were accompanied by organist David Carlston who also entertained the audience playing some favourite tunes on the organ.

Family Fun Day Competitions!

We held two competitions on the day a Victoria Sponge competition for the adults and a Junk modelling competition for the children.

Congratulations to Christine Moore who won the Victoria Sponge competition.

Congratulations to Patrick, Samuel and Freddie who were all winners in our Junk modelling competition.



Our amazing winning models!



The judges hard at work!

The Family Fun Day was a huge success, and we welcomed many families into our church community some of whom were visiting for the first time. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way!

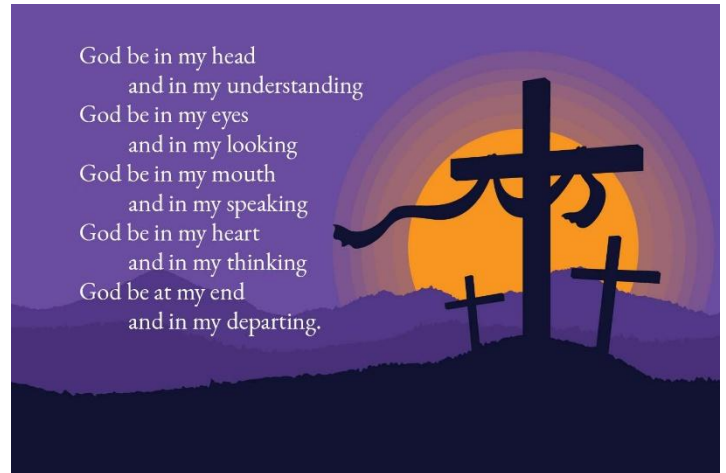
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My Favourite Hymn

For our Summer edition chorister Jeff Bradley shares his favourite hymn.

God Be in My Head

Originally written as a prayer dating back to 1514 before the reformation it was later adapted as a hymn. The words are simple and prayerful yet deeply meaningful asking God to be in every part of us.



Jeff explains that he first sung this hymn as a solo when he was eight years old and a member of Christ Church Choir in Caernarvon. It brings back happy memories of his childhood growing up in Wales.

In 2019 he was part of a pilgrimage to the Holy Land led by Canon Diane. He again sung the hymn as a solo at the Magdala Centre on the shores of the Galilee. Jeff explains how it was a privilege to again sing this hymn as a solo in such a beautiful place.



Article by Cathy Finney

Celebrating 150 Years of Mothers' Union

"Lighting the way for generations to come"

On Monday 8th June St Saviour's Mothers' Union met with members of the Stockport Deanery for a service of celebration at St Georges Church. The service was led by the Mothers' Union Chaplain Revd. Canon Vivien Gisby.

On Sunday 14th June St Saviour's Mothers' Union celebrated 150 years of Mothers' Union and 80 years of Mothers' Union at St Saviour's. Revd. Jess led a special service to celebrate this anniversary. Revd. Jess reflected that for 80 years Mothers' Union has been part of our church, faithfully serving through prayer, hospitality, fundraising, fellowship and quiet acts of kindness. She gave thanks for all who have been part of that story.

There were readings, hymns and prayers that reflected the work and witness of Mothers' Union. There was also an opportunity for members to re-commit themselves to the work of the Mothers' Union.

There was a display table of photographs and artefacts reflecting the story of Mothers' Union at St Saviours over the years. The congregation enjoyed reminiscing and recognising some familiar faces in the photographs. Afterwards refreshments were served in the hall and of course there was plenty of cake!



The Mothers Union Prayer

Loving Lord,
We thank you for your love so freely given to us all.
We pray for families around the world.
Bless the work of the Mothers' Union
As we seek to share your love
Through the encouragement, strengthening
And support of marriage and family life.
Empowered by your spirit
May we be united in prayer and worship
And in love and service
Reach out as your hands across the world
In Jesus' name
Amen

Mary Sumner Prayer

All this day O Lord
Let me touch as many lives as possible for thee
And every life I touch
Do thou by thy spirit quicken
Whether through the word I speak
The prayer I breathe
Or the life I live



Hearing Dogs for Deaf People



For their May meeting Mothers' Union welcomed Brenda, Walt and Anne volunteers from the charity Hearing Dogs for Deaf People. They were accompanied by their ambassador dog Wren.

Brenda began by giving an overview of the charity. Established 40 years ago and based in Buckinghamshire the charity believes that nobody with deafness or hearing loss should feel alone or isolated. Volunteers like Brenda, Walt and Anne train puppies in their homes to become hearing dogs. The dogs are trained to alert deaf people to important and life-saving sounds such as smoke alarms. They also provide love, companionship and emotional support. This combination of practical assistance and faithful friendship is life changing



Walt and Anne explained Wren's story and how he was trained by them before becoming a hearing dog. Wren is a cocker spaniel, but the charity also trains poodles and cockapoos.

After a change in circumstances Wren retired and returned to live with Walt and Anne becoming an ambassador for the charity.

Mothers' Union members were thrilled to watch as Walt demonstrated Wren's skills in being able to alert a deaf person to the noise of the smoke alarm.



The charity receives no government funding and relies solely on the support of volunteers and fundraisers to continue its life changing work. There are many ways you can support the charity through volunteering, fundraising and puppy sponsorship. For more information about the charity and ways to support its vital work visit www.hearingdogs.org.uk

Article by Cathy Finney

MENSSA News

Let's Play golf in Australia! But we are in Great Moor?

MENSSA solved it !

That is by visiting the Australian Golf Course just down the road in Adlington. Australian Golf is a form of crazy golf that uses iconic Australian landmarks, buildings and animals to add to the fun.

MENSSA are an informal group who meet once per month for social activities. They are looking forward to a busy and varied programme for the year ahead that includes a trip on a canal barge, crown green bowling, a Turkish meal and an historical tour of pubs in Stockport.



MENSSA are always ready to welcome new members.

If you are interested in joining, please contact Roger Salt
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St Saviour's Book Exchange



Calling all book lovers. If you enjoy reading why not visit our newly installed book exchange in the church hall. You can drop a book off or pick a book up. There is a suggested donation of £1 per book which will go to church funds. The book exchange library is situated next to the office in the church hall. Happy Reading!



Summer Quotes

Let us make God the beginning and end of our love, for He is the fountain from which all good things flow and into Him alone they flow back. Let Him therefore be the beginning of our love.

Richard Rolle

If we are intended for great ends, we are called to great hazards. *John Henry, Cardinal Newman*

Holy people have a sense of inner peace. In their presence, it is the God of the still, all voice that one perceives. *T Harrison*

A reflection on St Seraphim of Sarov

By Sylvia Rogers

When you pray, be as a mountain, motionlessly settled in silence.
Its thoughts are rooted in eternity.
Do nothing, just sit, just be and you will learn the fruits of prayer.

When you pray, be as a flower, always facing the sun.
It's stem like a spine, always straight.
Remain open ready to accept everything without fear, and the light
will always shine on your path.

When you pray, be as an ocean, in its depths always unmoved, Its
waves come and go. Remain calm inside and evil thoughts will go
away.

When you pray, remember about the breath. Thanks to it, the man
became a living thing. The breath comes from God and returns to
God.

Unite the prayer word with the stream of life and nothing shall
separate you from the giver of Life.

When you pray, be as a bird, singing ceaselessly in front of the
Creator.

It's song rises like incense. Let your prayer be like doves cooing and
you shall not surrender to discouragement.

When you pray, be as Abraham, sacrificing his only son. It was a sign
that he was ready to give up everything. Give up everything and in
this abandonment God will fill you with His presence.

When you pray, it is Jesus who prays inside you to the Father in the
Spirit. You are carried by the fire of His love. Be as a river which
serves everyone and the time will come when you become love.

July 22nd Feast of Mary Magdalene

As the traditional Easter story is remembered again this month, you may notice that there is one name that frequently occurs. It is that of the 'other' Mary – not the mother of Jesus but Mary of Magdala, who stood by her at the cross and became the first human being, male or female, actually to meet the risen Christ.

In church history Mary Magdalene became the 'fallen woman', a harlot who was rescued and forgiven by Jesus. And while there is no evidence to prove she was a 'fallen woman', the contrast is sublime: Mary the virgin mother, the symbol of purity and Mary Magdalene, the scarlet woman who was saved and forgiven, the symbol of redemption. Surely, we all fall somewhere between those two extremes. What we do know is that the two Marys stood together at the cross, the Blessed Virgin and the woman rescued from who knows what darkness and despair.

The second great moment for her was as unexpected as it was momentous. She had gone with other women to the tomb of Jesus and found it empty. An angelic figure told them that Jesus was not there, He had risen – and the others drifted off. But Mary stayed, reluctant to leave it like that. She became aware of a man nearby, whom she took to be the gardener. She explained to Him that the body of 'her Lord' had been taken away and she didn't know where to find Him.

The man simply said her name 'Mary' and she instantly realised it was Jesus. She made to hug Him, but He told her not to touch Him because His resurrection was not yet complete. She was, however, to go to the male disciples and tell them she had met Him. She did – but they couldn't believe her. Her words – 'I have seen the Lord' – echo down the centuries, the very beating heart of the Christian gospel.

Article by the Revd Canon David Winter

Poetry Corner

Sounds of Silence

(Holy Island-
Arran)



Holy Island waiting.
Visitors scared to break the quiet

Ferns sigh in the breeze
Trees only dare stand and point

Gulls wheel and cast shadows
Clouds caress the hilltops

Monks meditate
Their garden produce blossoms

The beneficent sun smiles
And the temperature climbs effortlessly.

Only the baby stream dares to chuckle down the hill
And the old telegraph line sings in the breeze.

Spencer Rogers

Spencer Rogers was a member of our church community and a chorister. His wife Sylvia published a collection of his poetry entitled ' Blessings'. Copies are available to purchase from Sylvia with all proceeds going to the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

Summer Prayers

The Pilgrim's Aiding

God be with thee in every
pass,
Jesus be with thee on
every hill,
Spirit be with thee on every stream,
Headland and ridge and lawn;



Each sea and land, each moor and meadow,
Each lying down, each rising up,
In the trough of the waves, on the crest of the billows,
Each step of the journey thou goest.

A Celtic prayer collected by Alexander Carmichael

A Breton fisherman's prayer

Protect me, dear Lord;
My boat is so small,
And Your sea is so big.



A Summer Recipe



Stuffed Peppers | From the St Saviour's Cookbook

A lovely recipe for the summer oozing with Mediterranean flavour.

Serves 1

- 1 red pepper
- 2-3 cherry tomatoes
- 2 tsp red or green pesto
- 4 cubes of mozzarella or cheddar cheese
- 4 black olives (optional)

Pre-heat oven to 190C/375F

Wash and de-seed peppers.

Cut in half lengthways and place in an oven proof dish.

Cut 2/3 cherry tomatoes in half and place in each pepper half.

Put 2/3 olives in each pepper half

Put 1 tsp of pesto on each pepper half

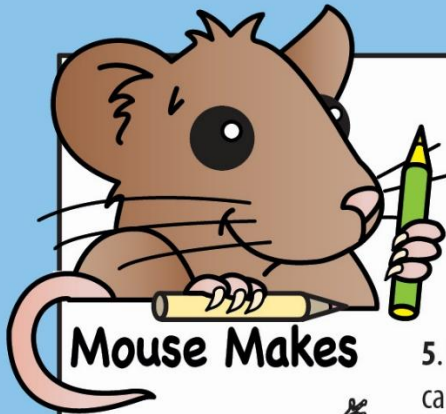
Place in oven for 45 mins or until peppers are tender.

Place 2 cubes of cheese on each pepper half and return to the oven until cheese has melted.

Serve with rice or a green salad

This recipe can be easily doubled to serve 2

Children's Page



1. What bird makes
it's nest on high?
Job 39:27



2. What ate the seeds along the path?
Matthew 13:4



3. The hair of which animal
was used to make curtains?
Exodus 36:14

4. What insect
can we learn from?
Proverbs 6:6

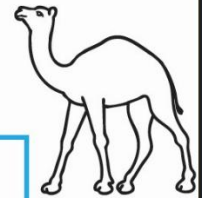
7. Which animal
was Jesus
compared to?
John 1:29



5. What plague
came out of the
River Nile?
Exodus 8:6



6. What animal would
go through the eye
of a needle easier
than a rich person?
Luke 18:25



8. What bird did Noah release
from the ark first?
Genesis 8:7



9 across.
In what creature's mouth
was a coin found?
Matthew 17:27



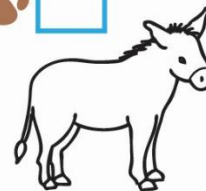
9 down.
What lives
in holes?
Matthew 8:20



12. Which bird
did the
Holy Spirit
appear as?
Luke 3:22



13. Which animal
did Jesus ride on?
Matthew 21:7



14. What bird did God provide
for food in the wilderness?
Exodus 16:13



15. What insects did John eat in the wilderness?
Matthew 3:4



16. Which animal is the
"mightiest among beasts"?
Proverbs 30:30



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Parish Registers

'We welcome you into the Church Family'

Arlo Pickles and Ryan Buckley were baptised on
Sunday 12th July.

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100 Club Winners – April



1st Prize ~ Derek Malcolm

2nd Prize ~ Marjorie Hudson

3rd Prize ~ Jean Jones

May

1st Prize ~ Michael Wilson

2nd Prize ~ Chris Anderton

3rd Prize ~ Judy Sutherland

Congratulations!

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All in the month of July

It was...250 years ago, on 4th July 1776 that the US Declaration of Independence was adopted by the Second Continental Congress.

175 years ago, on 3rd July 1851 that Charles Bannerman, British-born Australian cricketer, was born. He scored the first-ever run in Test cricket, and also scored the first century in Test cricket.

Also 175 years ago, on 24th July 1851 that the Window Tax was abolished in England and Wales. The tax was introduced in 1696 and was based on the number of windows in a house. It led to many windows being bricked up. It was replaced by a tax on inhabited buildings.

125 years ago, on 9th July 1901 that Dame Barbara Cartland, romantic novelist, was born. She wrote 723 novels, including 23 in a single year, and sold more than one billion copies of her books.

90 years ago, on 24th July 1936 that the speaking clock telephone service was launched in the UK.

60 years ago, on 30th July 1966 that the 1966 FIFA World Cup final took place. England beat Germany 4 – 2. English player Geoff Hurst became the first (and only) player to score a hat-trick in a World Cup final.

Also 50 years ago, on 20th July 1976 that NASA's Viking 1 lander successfully landed on Mars, and sent back the first photographs from the surface of Mars.

What's On July and August 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 11am–1pm
in the Church Hall

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

Please note there will be no Bible study during August.

Choir Practice every alternate Friday 7pm in Church.

Please note there will be no Choir Practice during August.

Key Events and Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
Tuesday 14 th July	MENSSA – Outdoor Bowls
Saturday 18 th July	Working Party in church and grounds 10am-12 noon
Sunday 26 th July	100 Club Draw in church hall after morning service.
Tuesday 11 th August	MENSSA – Canal Barge trip
Sunday 30 th August	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.

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**

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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