

## Worship the Lord

### Today is the Ascension of the Lord (B)

10:30 am Parish Mass  
Celebrant Fr Brendan Clover  
Followed by refreshments

**Monday** St Johns Clevedon

6:00 pm Mass

**Tuesday** All Saints Church

10:00 am Mass.

**Wednesday** St Saviours Hall

11:00 am Coffee Church.

**Thursday** All Saints Church

10:00 am Mass.

**Friday** St Johns Clevedon

10:00 am BCP Mass

**Saturday**

10:00 am Walsingham Mass

6:00 pm Vigil Mass at St Saviours Hall

**Next Sunday is the Feast of Pentecost**

10.30 am Solemn Mass

## Pray for Gods People

**Those who are in need, including:** Summer, Mary, Hal, Enid, Eunice, Gary, Paula, Angela, Alan, Barry, Neil, Val, Emma, Yvonne, Steve, Keith, Suzanne, Deirdre, Sarah, Nichola, John, Andy, Shelley, Kimberley, Christine, Julie, Maria, and all who receive Communion at home, all who mourn the death of a loved one, and all who are lonely at this time.

Those who have died recently including: Joan Keay.

Mike Beer .Phillip Summers.

And those whose anniversaries of death fall at this including: Ramon Taylor (12<sup>th</sup>) Rev Canon Robin Orbell Osbourne, Ivy Berry (14<sup>th</sup>), Thomas James (15<sup>th</sup>).

Rest Eternal Grant to them O Lord

**And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

## Calendar and Events

Welcome if you are visiting our Church today for the first, time please stay for refreshments after Mass.

“Coffee Church” St Saviours Hall every Wednesday, at 11.00 am. Please come along each week for a short service and delicious refreshments, bring a friend too.

Please remember to bring some items for the Food bank if you can.

If anyone would like to help on the Sunday refreshment rota please see Jude or Janice.

We are reviewing our prayer list. Please let Janice or Terry know if you require a name on the revised list.

We are in the process of arranging a pilgrimage to The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in October; please speak to Janice or Fr Brendan if you are interested.

Very many thanks to everyone who supported and helped with our two latest afternoon concerts: Dave James and Isax and the Bute Wind quintet from Cardiff, two exceptionally talented ensembles. We were happy to contribute nearly £300 to the general fund.

More concerts to follow: North Somerset County Young Musicians on Saturday 29th June at 7.30pm, West Mendip orchestra 50th anniversary concert on 5th July, and Costanzi ‘Classical Vienna’ on Saturday 6th July

## All Saints with Saint Saviour's

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### The Ascension of the Lord

12<sup>th</sup> May 2024

## Our Worship Today

Jesus sends us out into the world as witnesses to love and truth. On World Communications Day, what do we communicate to the people around us?

## Our Hymns Today

**Gradual 134** The head that was once crowned with thorns.

**Offertory 352** Crown him with many crowns

**Communion 305** Soul of my Saviour

**Recession 349** Come let us join our cheerful Songs

## The Word of the Lord

**Reading 1 Acts 1:1-11**

Prior to his ascension, Jesus promises the apostles that they will be his witness when the spirit comes upon them.

**Reading 2 Ephesians 1:17-23**

Paul prays that we may be filled with hope as we are enlightened to understand the full rich mystery of Christ.

**Gospel Mark 16:15-20**

Jesus sends the apostles out to proclaim the Good News and promises that signs will accompany them.

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

*Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?  
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven  
will return as you saw him go, alleluia.*

**COLLECT**

Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God,  
and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving,  
for the Ascension of Christ your Son  
is our exaltation,  
and, where the Head has gone before in glory,  
the Body is called to follow in hope.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

*Amen.*

Or

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that we, who believe that your Only Begotten Son,  
our Redeemer,  
ascended this day to the heavens,  
may in spirit dwell already in heavenly realms.  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

*Amen.*

**FIRST READING** Acts 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. "It is", he had said, "what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit."

Now having met together, they asked him, "Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth."

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, "Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there."

The word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**PSALM** Psalm 46

**RESPONSE:** *God goes up with shouts of joy;  
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.*

Or *Alleluia!*

1. All peoples, clap your hands,  
cry to God with shouts of joy!  
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,  
great king over all the earth. **R.**

2. God goes up with shouts of joy;  
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.  
Sing praise for God, sing praise,  
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R.**
3. God is king of all the earth.  
Sing praise with all your skill.  
God is king over the nations;  
God reigns on his holy throne. **R.**

**SECOND READING** Ephesians 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Go, make disciples of all the nations;  
I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.  
Alleluia!*

**GOSPEL** Matthew 28:16-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time."

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

We offer sacrifice now in supplication, O Lord,  
to honour the wondrous Ascension of your Son:  
grant, we pray,  
that through this most holy exchange  
we, too, may rise up to the heavenly realms.  
Through Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

*Behold, I am with you always,  
even to the end of the age, alleluia.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Almighty ever-living God,  
who allow those on earth to celebrate divine mysteries,  
grant, we pray,  
that Christian hope may draw us onward  
to where our nature is united with you.  
Through Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*