

Worship the Lord

Today is the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

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

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 All Saints Church

10:00 am Walsingham Mass

Next Sunday is 16th Sunday in Ordinary time

10:30 am Parish Mass

Pray for Gods People

Those who are in need, including: Summer, Elaine, Val, Angela, Alan, Fr Barry, Emma, Keith, Suzanne, Maria, Deirdre, Sarah, Kimberley, Carmel, Christine, Yvonne & Steve 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, Harold Baker, David Withington.

Those whose anniversaries of death fall at this time including: Valerie Malcomson, Janet Broom (15th), Marie Waters, Esther Hanna (19th), Hilda Goodman, Werner Denglar-Harles (20th).

Rest Eternal Grant to them O Lord

And let light perpetual shine upon them.

Calendar and Events

We welcome any visitors to our Mass this morning; please do stay for refreshments afterwards.

"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.

Today Sunday 14th July at 5pm. Summer Piano Concert, performed by students of Andrea Monk. Tickets. Adults £5 and Children £3:00.

Posters with ticket details are in the porch for all our concerts and events.

Make a note of our next afternoon concert: Extravaganza II on Saturday 20th July at 3- 4.15 pm, when we'll be delighted to welcome you to a feast of musical delights! You can buy a raffle number from Terry today, and any donated raffle prizes will be most welcome. Thanks for those already received.

Strawberry Tea to be held at St Saviours Hall Saturday July 27th 2.30pm till 5.00pm. Tickets £6.00 available from Terry, and on the door.

Calling all you wonderful volunteers to join us for a cleaning morning on Saturday 11th August! Mass at 10 am, cleaning from 10.35 and bacon butties, tea and coffee at 12 noon! We'll be very grateful for your help.

Refreshments after Mass please stay if you can.

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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

14th July 2023

Our Worship Today

Following Jesus, taking on his mission of service and putting others before ourselves, is not an easy option, Today is sea Sunday and, in a special way, the Gosple can be applied to Sea Sunday and, in a special way, the Gosple can be applied to seafarers and their families.

Our Hymns Today

Hymns Today are from New English Hymnal

Procession 393 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us.

Offertory 103 Alleluya! Alleluya!

Communion 391 King of glory, King of peace.

Recession 388 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun.

The Word of the Lord

Reading 1

Amos 7:12-15

God called Amos away from caring for sheep and sent him to shepherd the people of Israel.

Reading 2

Ephesians 1:3-14

God chose and blessed us even before creating the world.

Gospel

Mark 6:7-13

Jesus sends his disciples out on a mission with no guarantees of personal safety and comfort.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.*

COLLECT

O God, who show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honour. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING Amos 7:12-15

A reading from the prophet Amos.

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, "Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple." "I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets," Amos replied to Amaziah. "I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 84

RESPONSE: *Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.*

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. **R.**
3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**

SECOND READING Ephesians 1:3-14

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

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> Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ.

Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determining that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ

for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight.

He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth. <

And it is in him that we were claimed as God's own, chosen from the beginning, under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things as he decides by his own will; chosen to be, for his greater glory, the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came. Now you too, in him, have heard the message of the truth and the good news of your salvation, and have believed it: and you too have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise, the pledge of our inheritance which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own, to make his glory praised.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

Or

Alleluia, alleluia!
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.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mark 6:7-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals but, he added, "Do not take a spare tunic." And he said to them, "If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them." So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Look upon the offerings of the Church, O Lord, as she makes her prayer to you, and grant that, when consumed by those who believe, they may bring ever greater holiness. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

Or

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

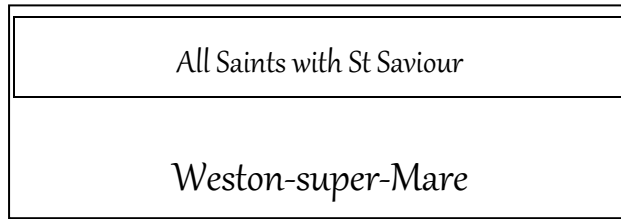
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having consumed these gifts, we pray, O Lord, that, by our participation in this mystery, its saving effects upon us may grow. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Arms of St Saviour



Arms of All Saints

12th July 2024

Dear friends,

Following a meeting with the Wardens of both of our Affinity parishes I need to share with you something of the discussion in respect of the timing of Sunday worship.

You all know that the main Sunday morning service takes place at the same time, 10.30am, in both of our churches. For the sake of fairness I divide my time between the two parishes, which means that someone has to cover the church where I am not.

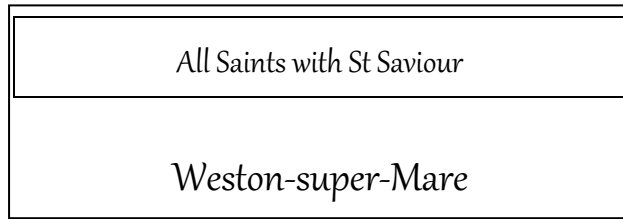
We have a varied and high quality team of people who help us out with this cover, no, more than that, their variety and insights add to the experience. BUT +Michael and Fr Mark travel from Taunton, Michael Tavinor travels from the Welsh Marches, and Fr Darren Smith (who visits us at All Saints) travels from Birmingham. We are privileged to welcome these great priests, but it leaves us vulnerable. In addition we have four local clergy, two in each parish, who help out when they can, and +Mike Hill in Clevedon.

The decision your Wardens made is that they (and I) feel that changing the time of the Sunday morning service to make it possible for me to cover both churches is undesirable. More than that they (and I) feel it would undermine and threaten the growth we have seen in both congregations.

There are however consequences implicit in this decision and I need to share them with you.



Arms of St Saviour



Arms of All Saints

There will be occasions when priestly cover at either of our churches will not be possible, due to people's existing commitments, as all of our visitors are much in demand. When that happens we will offer 'Holy Communion by Extension' presided over by Kevin, our ordinand, when he is available. All Saints has already experienced such a service. Bread and wine consecrated at a weekday Mass are received by the faithful in just the same way we always receive the Sacrament. The liturgy is the same except there is no Eucharistic Prayer (as the bread and wine have already been consecrated and the officiant is not a priest). Kevin will either read the sermon I am preaching in the other church or write one himself. Your Wardens feel that this Plan B is preferable to a change in the time of Sunday Mass.

We also decided that on two occasions coinciding with the Patronal Festivals (the first Sundays of May and November) there will be a said service only at St John's or All Saints and everyone will be encouraged to travel to Weston or Clevedon. These Patronal Festival Masses will be followed by lunch and an early afternoon service of Evening Prayer & Benediction. So please today put Sunday 3rd November in your diaries as the first of these Affinity Parishes celebrations. Mass that day at All Saints will be at 11am so there is more time to get there, and Mass will be said at St John's at a time yet to be agreed. We are determined to try and make this work.

Other decisions were made which require the consent of our PCCs, so more news about those in due course.

In the meanwhile Glastonbury beckons. Let's pray for good weather!
With love and my prayers,
Fr Brendan

Bishop's letter – August 2024

Take a break!

It's August! Does that mean holiday season for you? Of course it will be for some...but where and doing what?

Holidays mean all sorts of different places and activities – sometimes inactivity – and our preferences and choices are hugely diverse. Whether you are travelling this month, or staying at home, any break in our routines gives us a brilliant opportunity. We have a God-given moment to get perspective. Or perhaps I should say that we have the chance to get a renewed sense of who we are, who's we are, and who we might become.

I invite you to step back from everyday tasks and burdens and to place yourself into the glorious divine perspective. It's something we do week by week (or more regularly) in our worship but a holiday, or a break in our normal pattern of life, gives a special chance to do this. Seeing ourselves in a bigger context will, of course, be humbling and make us freshly aware of our frailty, yet it will also raise our eyes and our sights to the potential in which we have a share.

The invitation which Jesus gave to his first disciples is the same one he gives us who are the latest generations of his followers. It is to share in something greater and bigger than we can ever fully comprehend, and to do that by accepting our personal part in the community of the Gospel, the church, in building the Kingdom of God.

'Take a Break' urges the signs on motorways. Take a break this summer, whether or not you leave home, to regain your perspective on the beauty and privilege of being a follower of Jesus in bringing the Kingdom a little closer. See the opportunities as well as the challenges in your community, our nation, and the world. Looking more widely and more broadly gives a proper perspective on who we are in the divine economy, and how we can serve both God and also other people.

Bishop Christopher Foster

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