

# Online Worship in the coming week

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Monday to Friday @ 9.00am—Morning Prayer

Next Sunday 29 November - The First Sunday of Advent

9.15am . . . Eucharist with Choral Anthem

10.45am . . . Junior Church Service and Communion

7.00pm . . . Readings and Carols for Advent

## Private Prayer

Our Parish Church will be open for private prayer on Sunday 29 Nov from 10.30am till 11.30am. No need to pre-book, just turn up.

## Daily Bible Readings

**Monday** Clement, Bishop of Rome, Martyr, c.100

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday** Catherine of Alexandria, Martyr, 4th c.

**Thursday**

**Friday**

**Saturday**

Rev. 14: 1-13

Rev. 14:14—15:8

Rev. 16: 1-11

Rev. 16: 12-21

Rev. ch. 17

Rev. ch. 18

## Please pray for...

**The sick and those unable to attend church**

**Those who have died recently**

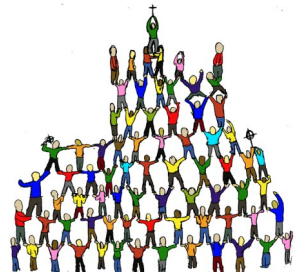
**Parish Cycle of Prayer:** Arno Road, Arnside Road, Ashburton Avenue . Hillside Primary School.

THE PARISH OF OXTON ST SAVIOUR  
WITH ST ANDREW NOCTORUM

Growing Together in Christ

22 November 2020:

The Sunday Next Before Advent



**Online worship this Sunday**

**9.15am Holy Communion**

Revd Dr Joe Kennedy is presiding

Revd Elaine Bisson is preaching

The Bible readings are

Eph 1:15-19 and Matt 25:31-end

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**10.45am Junior Church**

Revd Dr Joe Kennedy and Mrs Tracey

Williams are leading this service

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**Private Prayer in Church**

Our Parish Church will be open for private prayer from 10.30am till 11.30am today (Sunday 22 November). No need to pre-book—just turn up.

**Today's Sermon and Prayers by Telephone**

No internet access? Dial 0151 318 0581 from 10.00am today to hear our sermon and prayers. Standard rates for telephoning an 0151 number apply. Please pass on this information to anyone who might appreciate it.

**Today's Collect**

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King; keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## Advent and Christmas

A number of our Advent and Christmas Services will be online this year. Information about other festive services (both online and in Church) will follow once we have the Government's December regulations. The following services will take place online and will be available at our Facebook page (available with or without a Facebook account).

- **Readings & Carols for Advent:** Sunday 29 Nov, 7.00pm
- **Christingle Service:** Sunday 13 Dec, 3.30pm (see overleaf for more information)
- **Readings and Carols for Christmas:** Sunday 20 Dec, 7.00pm
- **Longest Night Service:** Tuesday 22 Dec, 7.00pm (Christmas in a minor key)

# Notices

**NEW NATIONAL RESTRICTIONS:** To reduce social contact, the Government has ordered that places of worship be closed, apart from for a small number of purposes (independent prayer, the recording or streaming of services without a congregation, and funerals).

## APPLYING FOR ST SAVIOUR'S SCHOOL?

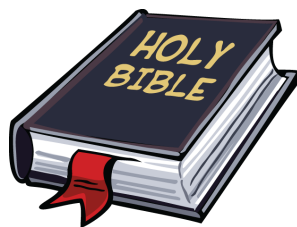
Our PCC operates a scheme which allows parents to record their attendance each week. For the period when public worship at our Church is not taking place because of the COVID19 pandemic, this requirement is waived.

**ST SAVIOUR'S AND ST ANDREW'S 100+ CLUB:** New members are most welcome. Membership forms are available from Paul Carpenter, Judith Parry, John Roberts or Caroline Thomson. During lockdown, contact us at [office@oxtonstsaviour.co.uk](mailto:office@oxtonstsaviour.co.uk)

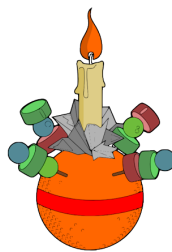
**EVENING PRAYER:** Join the ecumenical Taizé Community each day at 7.30pm. [www.taize.fr/en\\_article28227.html](http://www.taize.fr/en_article28227.html)

**WIRRAL HOSPICE ST JOHN'S:** The full range of Christmas cards and gifts sold in aid of the Hospice will be available at the Hospice's shop in Heswall. A good selection is also available at their other charity shops.

**REVD JOE'S BIBLE STUDIES** continues on Zoom this Mon (23 Nov). Optional access from 8.00pm onwards for a chat; Bible Study 8.30pm till 9.30pm. All are welcome: no prior knowledge or experience of Bible study is expected. Please read in advance this week's passage, Numbers 12:1—17:27. To join the Bible Studies, email [office@oxtonstsaviour.co.uk](mailto:office@oxtonstsaviour.co.uk) on Monday before 7.00pm, and ask for the Zoom access code. We'll email it to you.



**OUR CHRISTINGLE SERVICE IS ONLINE:** Sunday 13 Dec at 3.30pm — a service for children and for the young at heart! We are preparing Christingle packs which contain everything you need to make a Christingle at home (except the orange, which you need to provide!) Please email us at [familyworship@oxtonstsaviour.co.uk](mailto:familyworship@oxtonstsaviour.co.uk) by Sun 6 Dec, stating **your home and email addresses and how many packs you'd like**. We'll deliver to your home. The packs are free of charge. During the service, we'll give information about giving to the Children's Society.



**GIVING ELECTRONICALLY:** If you bank electronically, an easy way to support the work of our Church is to give directly to our bank account. To donate any amount to us just enter: St Saviour's PCC; our Sort Code 40-10-26; our Account Number 51061844; Reference "Donation and *your name*". If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, thus allowing us to increase your donation by 25% at no cost to you, please find a Gift Aid form on our website and return it completed to [office@oxtonstsaviour.co.uk](mailto:office@oxtonstsaviour.co.uk)

## A message from the Churchwardens and the Chairman of Finance

November 2020

Dear Members of St. Saviour's and St Andrew's congregations.

We recognise that the public health emergency has brought financial hardship to individuals and families across our nation. We know, too, that you will be aware that the financial situation for our church community has also deteriorated substantially since March of this year and that it will get worse as winter comes.

On behalf of our whole church family, and of all those in the wider community to whom our church ministers, thank you to all who have been able to offer regular financial support to God's work here throughout the period since the lockdown began in Spring. This regular giving has enabled the church's ministry to continue both within our church community and across our parish.

If you are a member of our Planned Giving Envelopes scheme, we must apologise to you for not being able to let you have your Planned Giving Envelopes as usual. We know that these have been outstanding for many months but we have not been able to distribute them due to the Pandemic restrictions. We shall be writing to you individually in the coming days asking how you wish to take things forward.

For some of us, COVID restrictions made it impossible for us to give to church regularly, week in and week out, as we would have wished. If you were, or are now, in that situation, and if your own financial position allows it, we hope that you will consider making a donation to church in other ways, such as by cheque or by a direct payment to the Parish bank account (Name St Saviour's PCC Sort

Code 40-10-26 a/c Number 51061844 and ref. Donation), cheques made payable to St Saviour's PCC may be sent to the Parish Office in an envelope marked 'Planned Giving'.

COVID-19 has meant that we have had to consider different methods of asking you to make your donations in the future---to avoid the handling of cash and minimising the amount of cheques coming into the office. From the beginning of January 2021 donations and regular giving may be made by one of the following ways:-

- **by Standing Order** directly into the Parish Bank account as detailed above.
- **by cheque** made payable to St. Saviour's PCC and sent to the Parish Office in an envelope marked 'Planned Giving'.
- **by contactless bank card** or similar, on entering the Church or Parish Centre—this system will be operating by 1st January 2021.
- **by envelope** deposited in the large plastic box by the Church main door. (Would persons wishing to give by envelope please notify the Parish Office by 30th November 2020 and special arrangements will be made for you to collect your envelopes or have them delivered).
- **by cash** deposited in the large plastic box by the Church main door.

If anyone has problems concerning any of the above methods do please contact one of us and we will do our utmost to help you.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Thomson, Tony Parsons and  
Judith Parry

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