

Joyfully connecting Jesus with the community of High Green through a shared journey of hope, service and love.



News Letter February 2021

Greetings to all our church family with our February News Letter giving further updates on activities and news at St Saviour's.

All activities mentioned may change as Covid restrictions are updated so please check the website or with our Wardens.

Our streamed Joint Services continue this month on the theme – Origins: Where we all begin

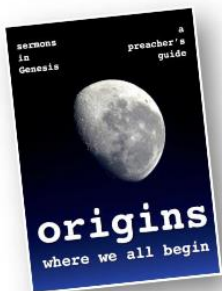
7th February 4: Work *Genesis 2:4-17*

14th February 5: Sex *Genesis 2:18-25*

21st February 6: Evil *Genesis 3:1-13*

28th February 7: Justice *Genesis 3:14-24*

You can find the morning worship live at 10.30 at www.stjohnschap.co.uk/live or the link is on the St Saviour's web site home page. It is also available for the following week on YouTube to watch later or you can listen to a recording of the sermon. Again the link is on both St. John's and St Saviour's websites



If you want to dig a little deeper, Rev. Rick Stordy has written an introduction to Genesis to accompany the sermons. You can download from the online worship section of St John's website or if you'd like a printed copy, please call Simon or or e-mail warden@stsaviours.info and we'll get a copy out to you



PCC Meeting on Monday 11th January 2021

Here's a summary of what your PCC discussed at the Zoom meeting on 11th January



Temporary stopping of "on-site" Sunday worship

The decision was made to regretfully close the church for Sunday worship and review the position at the next PCC meeting at the beginning of March. It was also decided the church would not be open for private prayer. The Church Hall also remains closed during the lockdown period.

Streaming of services

It was agreed to use a £500 grant from the Diocese to purchase equipment for the future streaming of services from St Saviour's

Church building

Repairs to the roof ridge tiles will be undertaken in January

Verger

Kath Gray is stepping down from her role as verger and a new verger is required. (see separate item below)

Next PCC (zoom) Meeting – 1st March 2021 7.30pm

Please contact the Wardens or PCC Secretary if you'd like anything adding to the agenda.

Verger role vacancy

After some 10 years in the role Kath Gray is stepping down as our Church Verger. We wish to thank Kath for her dedication and commitment to the role and for her welcoming and sensitive manner at all the weddings and funerals she attended at St Saviour's.

We are now looking for someone to take over this role (paid for Weddings and Funerals!). If anyone is interested in finding out more about the Verger role, please speak with the Church Wardens.



Our Mission Partners Update



Big News from Alison and Leanna in Mozambique!

The latest videos and News Letter from Alison and Leanna are now available to view on the Church website and can be found under the "Find out more" tab

In summary :-

Their big news is that after a lot of prayer and deliberation they have decided to leave Marromeu and move to England, specifically Sheffield!

With such a significant decision they are asking for our prayers:-

British Citizenship is not guaranteed simply by the fact that the twins have been adopted.

- The Home Office accept our application and that they do so miraculously fast!
- Leanna's Visa
- School places and the right support for the twins (a huge concern for us right now)
- The right jobs for Leanna and I that will allow us to work 1 day a week for YWAM Marromeu
- A home to live in
- Continued peace and good mental health in the transition.

This is a big move for us. We're very nervous about it if we're honest. Lots of families find the move off the mission field very difficult and we're trying our best to prepare but we know there will be many challenges.

- Pray especially for the twins who will be moving to a new culture and a new school system and will likely feel very overwhelmed by the whole thing.
- For our team who will also need to adapt once we leave.

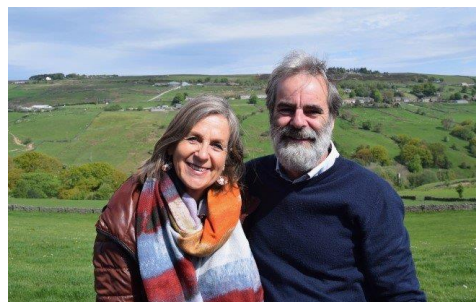
See the SSC website to view the videos and download the News Letter. A paper copy of the News Letter can be provided on request.



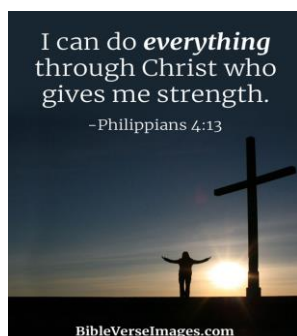
From Nick and Catherine (not) in Argentina!

In some ways everything has changed. We have become used to social distancing, wearing masks, not going to church or to visit people. In Argentina it is no different, except that for a very long time there were no cases in the Province of Formosa where we (once) lived, and now there is a surge, so lockdown has suddenly become a renewed concern. Travel has, obviously, not only changed, but pretty well stopped.

Even now we are still not quite sure what means of transport are available, let alone whether they are running, and what permissions one needs. So, it seems we are grounded, and in UK for now.



You can read the rest of their newsletter, available to download on our website or a paper copy can be provided on request.



Steve Fiander – Lay Reader

St Saviour's has a new Lay Reader! After successfully completing his period of training Steve Fiander officially becomes a Lay Reader from 6th February, when he is being licensed via zoom!

With the church services currently temporarily suspended we will just have to wait patiently until we are able to hear his first official sermon!

Congratulations Steve and our prayers are with you as you take your first steps on this new path in your walk with Christ.

With sadness...

The beginning of this year has started with the sad news of the loss of Jean Hulbert and also Eileen Wallace, who worshiped at St Saviour's for a number of years before moving to Chapeltown.

Jean Hulbert's funeral, is on Thursday 4th February at 1.30. However, as most of you will know, the restrictions limit the family and friends to a maximum of 30.

Please pray for their families and friends at this difficult time.

With hope

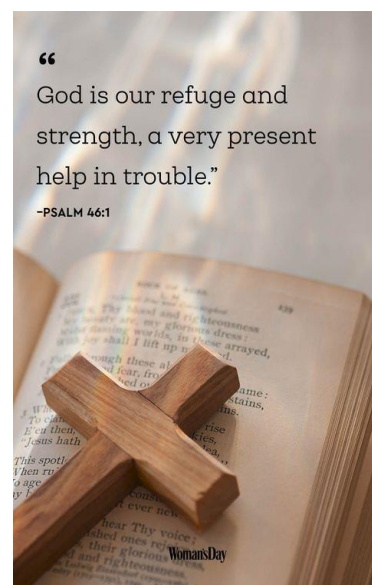
For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

(Romans Ch 8 v24-25)

Hope is a match in a dark tunnel, a moment of light, just enough to reveal the path ahead and ultimately the way out" (Dr Judith Rich)

Lord, thank you that in a world of darkness, you are our Hope. Help us to speak out our hope and work with others to reveal your Kingdom on earth.

The release of the new vaccines brings hope and light for us all at the end of what has been a very dark tunnel. Some of our church family have already received their first jab. We look forward to the time when we can all resume our time of worship and fellowship at St Saviour's.





The Food Bank continues to offer support across High Green, Chapeltown and Ecclesfield.

Each week a mixture of 'one off' emergency parcels and parcels to provide a longer term support are distributed by The SSC Project. (note: this longer term support is in co-operation with SCC, Citizens Advice and the various support groups in our region) A big thank you to ASDA and all those who donate food and to the volunteers who make it all happen.

If you can offer a couple of hours once or twice a month the team would love to hear from you. There are various jobs from sorting donations, packing the bags, co-ordinating and making deliveries. All done in a Covid safe way. You're even allowed out of the house to help as it's classed as essential work! Give the food bank a call on 07561 699535 and have a chat with one of the team, you'd be most welcome.

This year our **Lent Course** moves on-line.

In case you didn't know, Lent begins on Ash Wednesday - 17th February and it's a great time to reflect and deepen our walk with Christ.

Every year at St. Saviour's & St. John's we encourage each other to do that with our Lent course.



We're going to use a special course from the Bible Society that has had churches up and down the country buzzing: it's called 'The Bible Course'. It gives a lively, visual and user-friendly introduction to the big story of the whole Bible.

There's a special leaflet telling you more with this newsheet.

Can I encourage you to take a good look at it, maybe watch the videos that tell you more, and then come and join us?

Our hope is that many, both those who regularly attend our small groups at St Saviours and Cell groups at St John's - and just as important, those who don't - will find this a really inspiring way to grow this Lent. It will be available to everyone who has access to the internet, even if Zoom is not your thing. We're looking into ways it may be possible you can study the material if you're not online too.

I sense this could be something that we all need right now: a fresh hunger for God's word and joy in reading and hearing it.

But hurry: we do need bookings in **by Friday 12th February** so we can get all the resources you will need. You can book either, via Eventbrite, at SSC by contacting Simon or Sue or through Fee Battey at the SJC Parish Office.

Rick, Simon & Sue

Other Services and Prayer meetings

- BBC Radio Sheffield broadcast Sunday morning services 8.00 am,
- The Church of England 9.00am service is on Youtube, Facebook or the website.

If you don't have internet access you can call



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers