

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



News Letter March 2021

Greetings to all our church family with our March 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 March 8: Religion *Genesis 4:1-26*

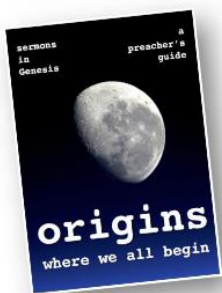
14th March MOTHERING SUNDAY *Exodus 2:1-10*

21st March 10: Technology *Genesis 4:17-26*

28th March PALM SUNDAY *John 12:12-16*

4th April EASTER DAY *John 12: 12-1*

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



Our Virtual Lent course continues online on Tuesday evenings for those who 'zoom' . A number are also following at home, discussing with friends with over 80 people signed up.



Unfortunately the Easter Services will be online again this year please see below

Palm Sunday - online 10.30 - for folks from St. John's and St Saviour's. We are hoping to distribute Palm Crosses to everyone as best we can. However not sure how yet !!?

Mon-Wed of Holy week - each evening, a live-streamed act of Night Prayer (Compline) with a short meditation, to which everyone from St. Saviour's and St. John's will be very welcome. If goes to plan, it'll be on St John's Facebook or their church website. With links from our website.

Maundy Thursday - a live-streamed Night Prayer but with live music from SJC music group, and hopefully a sermon rather than just a reflection.

Good Friday - a pre-recorded Hour at the Cross, to go live on YouTube at 2pm, with contributions from folks from both churches, sharing their favourite hymn or song about the Cross of Jesus.

Easter Day - online live-streamed at 10.30



PCC Meeting on Monday 1st March 2021

Here's a summary of what your PCC discussed at the Zoom meeting on 1st March

Temporary stopping of "on-site" Sunday worship

Following discussion, the PCC have decided although things are moving in the right direction with many of our congregation having had their first dose of the vaccine, to continue to keep the church closed for public Worship. Nothing in the guidance has changed from our last meeting in this first step with us still being encouraged to stay at home and maintain social distancing etc. It was decided to discuss again at our meeting on April 19th when hopefully on the 12th we will have been able to move to step 2. Unfortunately this means we'll be unable to celebrate Easter this year in the church.

Licence Renewals - Along with discussions on starting 'on-site' worship the PCC also agreed to renew the Reader Licence of Brian Stennett and the licence of Childrens Worker Pat Webster.

Finances - Lesley gave an update on the situation with our finances with the good news that whilst unsurprisingly our giving was reduced last year we managed to pay all the bills and finished the year with a very small surplus. Praise our Lord for His faithfulness!

PCC Away Day- We agreed to a joint PCC Away Day with St. Johns Chapelton in July, COVID permitting.

Church vision -Martin Brewis (re) presented an exciting vision of where our church may be in the next five years and was invited to investigate further with a small team from the church. (We'll be sharing with our congregation later but please talk to a member of the PCC if you want more details).

Church activities- It was agreed to look at starting all church activities, Living Word, Morning Prayer etc not just Sunday Worship as the lockdown eases.

Vergers role- We've had two 'applications' for the vergers job so are looking into having a 'team' rather than relying on one individual.

APCM- Date of our APCM was agreed for 6th June as part of the 11.00am Sunday service.

Next PCC (zoom) Meeting –19th April 2021 7.30pm

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

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



SSC Project Food Bank is still very busy with nearly 100 parcels delivered in February helping over 200 individuals.

We continue to get very generous donations of food from ASDA and the shoppers who donate there so a big thankyou to them
A recent collection at The Newton Hall for those who don't shop at ASDA was also received (photo)



The Freemasons of Yorkshire West Riding through the West Riding Masonic Charity have given another large financial donation to the Community Project to support the work of the Food Bank. The donation comes from the members and this is the second large donation we have received from the Freemasons.

A big **THANKYOU** also to South Yorkshire Cartons www.sycartons.com on Thompson Hill from whom we'd been getting boxes over the past few weeks to help us sort and store the food.

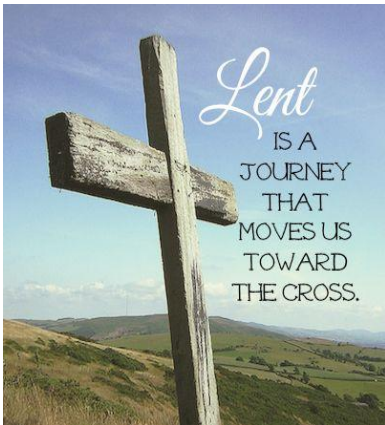
When we went to pay said they weren't going to charge us for them!



Update from the Diocese regarding Annual Parochial Church Meetings

We are hopeful that in the light of the Government's 'roadmap' it should be possible to hold APCMs by the end of May, although social distancing will need to remain a consideration. We assume therefore that this will mean that socially distanced gatherings will be permitted.

In light of this it's proposed to hold our APCM on June 6th following a shortened morning service.



This question came up recently, **What do you turn to, when life is a struggle?**

As a Christian, how should I have responded..... “Well, I always turn to Jesus and He sorts my problems out.” or “as a Christian I don’t have any problems” would have been what I would have liked to have said.

However since it was in the context of a discussion on the increase in sales of alcohol during lockdown and how I’d just got a great deal on a case of craft beer..... it wasn’t the first

thing that came to mind.

Life is hard – especially right now with all things Covid, when we’re missing our friends and church but seeing hope with the vaccine role out.

It’s easy to lose sight of the ‘big picture’ of God’s faithfulness to us, so for that reason, I’m really enjoying our Lent Course looking at God’s overall plan from Genesis to Revelation. (take a look at the link on the Church website). We’ve started but if you register with us you can get access to all the videos and do in your own time.

So as the longer days come with the promise of spring, remember “we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose” ([Romans 8:28](#))

Simon H

