

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



News Letter January 2024

Greetings to all our church family.

Here is our latest News Letter giving further updates on activities and news at St Saviour's.

Sunday Worship at St Saviour's

Here are details of this month's services

- 7th January 9.30am – Morning Worship – Epiphany & Vision Sunday
- 14th January 9.30am – Holy Communion – Epiphany 2
- 21st January 9.30am – Morning Worship – Epiphany 3
- 28th January 9.30am – Holy Communion – World Leprosy Day



VISION SUNDAY & COMMISSIONING

Sunday 7th **January** is not only the great celebration of Epiphany and the coming of the Magi to Jesus, it's also the Sunday when we re-commit to being the church God calls us to be: Vision Sunday. This year it has an added significance, as we commission our new Focal Ministers: Sarah Hulme and Sue Moody here at St. Saviour's, and Lisa Lenton who's working across our Mission Area overseeing children's & youth work. We'll be joined that day by Revd Dr Sally Myers, Director of Focal Ministry in the Sheffield Diocese, who will be preaching and doing the official commissioning. Please pray for our new Ministers and Sally as she visits, and join with us that day to support them!

COME & SEE SOME MORE!

On **Sunday 14th** we start a new sermon series for the New Year, as we continue our journey through John's Gospel: **Come and See**. Please pray for our preaching team and for us all as Sunday by Sunday we explore this wonderful gospel and our Lord Jesus who meet there. It will be a great series to invite friends and family to...



Late Morning Prayer @ SSC

Wednesday, 24th January 12.00,

Followed by a light lunch



Next PCC meeting – 15th January 2024

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

What's happening this month on the St Saviour's social scene!



Lasses Wot Lunch – To be confirmed, subject to weather conditions!



Coffee Morning @ SSC

Friday 19th January 10.30am – 12.00pm

All are welcome.

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

Old Codgerscontinue their monthly lunchtime helping of food and fellowship. This month's lunch is **Wednesday 17th January at 12.30pm at The Barrel, Chapeltown** Young and not so young men are very welcome to join us - just have a word with Angus Ferguson.



The Men's Group continues its meetings on Wednesday evenings, 7.00pm in the church. They seek to support men living out their faith in our complex world, whilst also having fun.

This month's social – **Wednesday 24th January – venue to be confirmed.** Please speak with any of the Men's Group if you are interested in joining them.



B – Inspired Group B-Inspired continue their regular Wednesday evening get together from 7pm, meeting in church or each other's homes. If you are interested in joining them for a time of fellowship and fun, please speak with Sue Wilson.



Sunday Morning Coffee Rota January

7th – Pat Webster + Suzanne Hague | 14th –
Denise Moyses + Kath Gray
21st – Glennis Foweather
28th – Maureen Brewis + Eldon Hanson

If the named member(s) is/are unable to do their turn, please try and swap with someone else on the rota or inform Maureen Brewis (0114 327 8239) and leave a message

Note: one member needs to provide 2 pints of milk
With thanks. Maureen B

Footnote- A full rota to the end of May 2024 has been posted on the Notice Board at the back of church. Volunteers are still needed to help serve teas and coffees on Sunday mornings. Please speak to Maureen Brewis, Sue Wilson or Susan Fiander if you can offer help.

ChapelGreen Food Bank @ SSC Fridays 1.00 - 3.00

We continue to support those most in need in our community with food parcels on Fridays.

Volunteers are always welcome either on Friday or alternate Tuesday mornings when we sort our donations in church.

This month's Tuesday mornings:- 9th & 23rd January 10am to 12



A big thank to all those who donated to the Food bank during December. We were able to provide Christmas food bags in addition to our usual food parcels in the lead up to Christmas.

Winter Warm Packs

Ecclesfield Parish Council with the support of Ecclesfield Charities purchased some winter warm packs aimed at the most vulnerable people in the parish. Each bag contained a scarf, hat, thermos cup, fleece blanket, hot water bottle, gloves, socks and canvas bag

The Clerk of the Council asked us if we at St Saviour's could help in the distribution of these packs. Through the Food Bank and with the help of some members of the congregation, we distributed 18 packs during November and December 2023.

Cllr Susan Davidson, Chairman of the Parish Council, handing out winter warm packs to Angus Ferguson from St Saviours Church, High Green foodbank.



Margaret Scholey's funeral will take place on Wednesday
10th January 10.30am at St Saviours Church

All welcome.

In accordance with Margaret's wishes her family has asked those attending to wear bright colours.

Our new Focal Ministers request our prayerful support....

Sue Moody *Focal Minister: Evangelism*- I would just like to thank everyone who has supported and prayed for me over the forthcoming position of Focal Minister. It is both exciting and challenging. As I embark on this new role I pray for God's guidance and hope I can succeed, as I am both eager and nervous about this future role. Please pray for guidance. Many thanks. Sue.

Sarah Hulme *Focal Minister: Pastoral Care* - Although I've been a pastoral worker here at St. Saviour's for 20 years, I wasn't expecting to be called to be a Focal Minister! I'm not sure exactly how it's all going to work, but with God's help, Rick's help, the Focal Ministry team and my supportive church family, I know that together we can become an even stronger caring presence to those in our church and to those yet to come; and that this ministry will bring glory to God in our community.

My prayers are:

For God to help me in this new challenge, acting as the main contact at St. Saviour's for pastoral care - for health, strength, and wisdom.

For me to encourage and enable a prayerful team to support this important ministry, being available to those who are ill, lonely, bereaved or facing any other difficult life situation.

To be open to God's leading and to see people grow as joyful, persevering, lifelong disciples of Jesus.

Thank you for your prayers.

Sarah Hulme

THE BEST START FOR A NEW YEAR?



Something to look forward to in the New Year: on **Tuesday 9th January**, we're having on of our Takeaway & Pray evenings from 6.30pm at the Parish Centre. It's a lovely opportunity to enjoy a meal together and then bring before the Lord the coming year in our world and church and community. Probably the best start for 2024? Come and find out...

EQUIPPED TO SHARE IN 2024

Would you like to grow in confidence in sharing your faith? In helping others discover Jesus for themselves? Then save this date in your diary for the New Year: **Saturday 3rd February**, 9.30am – 12.30pm we're having a special training morning, **Equipped to share**.

It'll show us how to share John's Gospel 121, with those who aren't yet Christians, with John MacKinnon of Word 121 ministries. Across the country many in all sorts of churches are finding this a really easy and exciting way of helping others find faith. John is an inspiring and engaging speaker, with a great story to tell: and even more, he has some really practical ideas to help us.

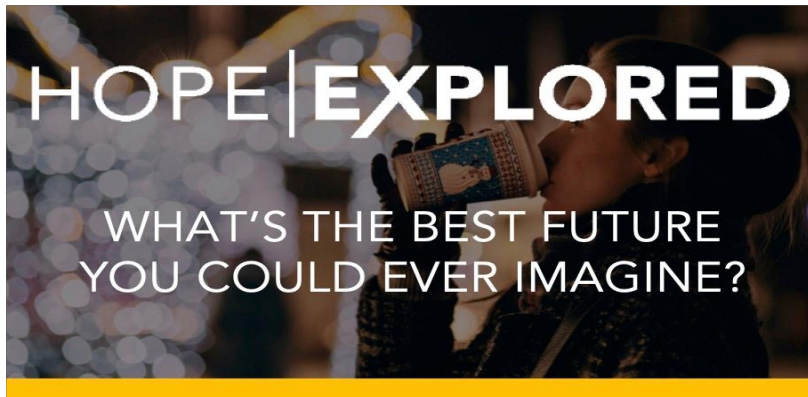
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OUR DAILY BREAD

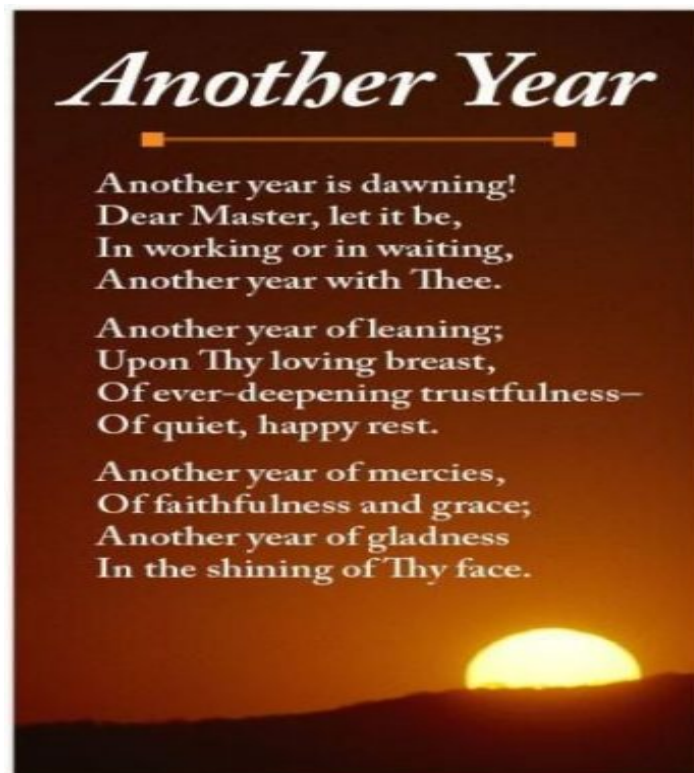
We're looking for someone to build on Glenys Cocking's wonderful work in encouraging our Bible reading as a church family. We need a person to be responsible for ordering and distributing the daily Bible reading notes, *Our Daily Bread*. If you'd be interested in doing this, please speak to Susan Fiander or Sue Wilson.



EXPLORING HOPE THIS YEAR



Later this month we'll be running *Hope Explored* - an enquirer's/beginner's group for anyone who'd like to ask honest questions about Jesus and explore what Christianity has to offer. It's also a great 'refresher' for Christians to revisit some of the basics. If you'd like to bring someone along, or maybe come yourself, speak to Sue Moody or Rick Stordy today!



St John's Chapeltown weekly News Letter If you would like to know what's going on at St Johns, as well as St Saviour's, please click on the following link where you can view the current Newsletter <https://www.stjohnschap.co.uk/resources/downloads/>