

St. Saviour's Parish Church, Great Moor



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Worship

Sundays 10.45 a.m. Sung Eucharist ~ Modern Language
Healing Service on the 2nd Sunday of every month at 10.45 a.m.
Baptisms take place on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 12.30 p.m.
Wednesdays 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (with candles 1st Wed.)

Church is open for quiet reflection, prayer or lighting a candle
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 11 a.m. until 12 noon

The Vicar Writes:

It's hard to believe that we are once again at that point in the year where, with Jesus, we turn our faces toward Jerusalem as he makes his way to the cross. I don't know how, if at all you are planning to observe the Lenten season, but as in previous years, we here at St Saviour's have decided to engage in a sermon series, as part of our Sunday and Wednesday worship (and followed up by the Bible Study group that meets on a Thursday evening), with this year's theme being 'Bread of Life'.



At a time when we so often think about, or indeed do 'go without', by way of giving ourselves to the Lord, we will be looking at the different ways in which Jesus feeds people (apologies to those who decide to give up something delicious this year!)

The series will begin on Sunday 9th March – the first Sunday of Lent – and will run for six weeks, exploring themes such as: bread for every day, bread for sharing, and bread for the road, highlighting how Jesus not only fed people physically, but spiritually too. From wedding feasts to eating with tax collectors to feeding thousands, people left Jesus' presence with full hearts and bellies – something which we hope will be true for you as we go through this series, too.

Reverend Jess

BREAD OF LIFE

LENTEN SERMON SERIES

SUNDAY 9TH MARCH: BREAD OF LIFE

(JOHN 6.25-40)

SUNDAY 16TH MARCH: BREAD FOR GROWTH

(LUKE 13. 18-21)

SUNDAY 23RD MARCH: BREAD FOR EACH DAY

(MATTHEW 6.9-13)

SUNDAY 30TH MARCH: BREAD FOR SHARING

(LUKE 14.7-14))

SUNDAY 6TH APRIL: BREAD FOR COMMUNITY

(LUKE 19.1-10)

SUNDAY 13TH APRIL: BREAD FOR THE ROAD

(LUKE 19.28-40)

the boat reached where they were
next day the crowd layed on the oppo- of the lake realized one boat had been Jesus had not disciples, away
³⁴"Sir," they said, "from now on give us this bread."
³⁵Then Jesus declared, **"I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.** ³⁶But as I told you, you have seen me and still you do not believe. ³⁷All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away from him. ³⁸Whoever believes in me will have come down to my will



ST SAVIOUR'S PARISH CHURCH,
STOCKPORT

MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE

*Come and join us as we celebrate
this special day.*

10.45 A.M.
**REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE
SERVICE IN THE CHURCH HALL**

You are invited to wear a white
flower to commemorate your mother
if she has passed away, and a
coloured flower if she is still with us.



A short history

There is an old Jewish saying: *God could not be everywhere, and therefore He made mothers.* Mother Church, Mother Earth, Mother of the Gods – our human mothers – all of them have been part of the celebration of ‘Mothering Sunday’ – as the fourth Sunday in Lent is affectionately known. It has been celebrated in the UK since at least the 16th century.

In Roman times, great festivals were held every Spring to honour Cybele, Mother of all the Gods. Other pagan festivals in honour of Mother Earth were also celebrated. With the arrival of Christianity, the festival became one honouring Mother Church.

During the Middle Ages, young people apprenticed to craftsmen or working as ‘live-in’ servants were allowed only one holiday a year on which to visit their families – which is how ‘Mothering Sunday’ got its name. This special day became a day of family rejoicing, and the Lenten fast was broken. In some places the day was called Simnel Day, because of the sweet cakes called simnel cakes traditionally eaten on that day.

In recent years the holiday has changed and, in many ways, now resembles the American Mother’s Day, with families going out to Sunday lunch and generally making a fuss of their mother on the day.



The bread we share...



Christian beliefs and thoughts about the consecrated bread range from it being a reminder to us of the love that Jesus showed for us by and through His death, to the bread becoming the literal flesh of Christ that we are invited to consume. Wherever the church and the people are on that spectrum, the priest is always careful about the way the bread is handled. This includes which container it is placed in to convey it after the service to those unable to attend. But what happens to any small pieces that may have been broken, like crumbs, upon the altar?

Although the altar is covered with a white cloth, there is another smaller cloth placed on top of it onto which the bread and wine, in their respective containers, are placed.

The bread is usually on a plate or bowl-shaped dish called a paten, with 'extra' bread kept on a side table – the Credence Table – in case more needs to be consecrated. The smaller white cloth is called a Corporal and is typically 12 inches (30cms) square. The name comes from the Latin *corpus* meaning body, and this is folded in three in both directions (then sometimes starched) and ironed in such a way that when it is opened onto the altar all the folds are 'downward', so it forms a 'bowl' shape to catch those crumbs.

After the Communion is shared, the cloth is then folded back upon itself and later taken outside the building and shaken to allow any crumbs to return to nature.

Next time you are able to go to a Communion Service, watch as the priests lays up the table for the time of consecration. Perhaps, before the service, the sacristan may open the corporal and place it there. In your own home, what is so precious that you try and catch every crumb? How do you do it?



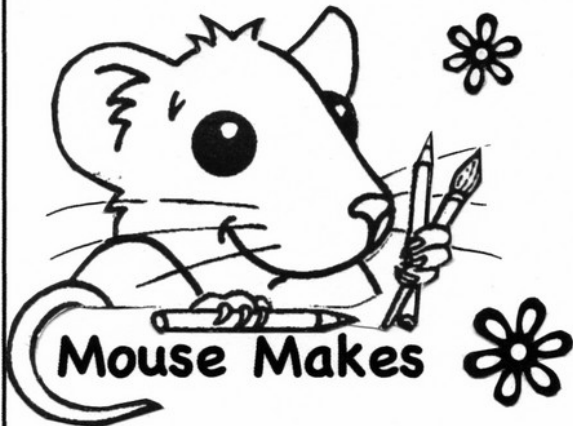
Jesus said:

**I AM
THE
BREAD
OF LIFE**

Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty...

Everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.

John 6:35,40



The 4th Sunday in Lent is celebrated as **Mothering Sunday**. Originally families would get together for a special service at the 'mother' church, often at the local cathedral.

Today Mothering Sunday is celebrated as a family day, a time to say 'thank you' to our mothers and to all who look after us.

There are many wonderful Mothers in the Bible, look up the Bible verses and find out who they are....

- Matt 1:16 M _ _ _
- Num 26:59 _ O _ _ _ _ _
- Luke 1:57-60 _ _ _ _ _ T _
- 1 Sam 1:20 _ _ _ _ H
- Genesis 4:1 _ _ E
- Gen 25:21-26 R _ _ _ _ _
- Gen 21:1-2 S _ _ _ _



Thank you Mum for all you do,
For all your love and care,
For helping me as I grow up,
For all your loving prayers.

For teaching me about Jesus,
Of how he loves me too.

Thank you Mum for loving me,
I LOVE YOU!

A bookmark gift for Mother's Day. Cut out the bookmark above, glue onto card and colour in.

NEW Church Electoral Roll for 2025

This is the year when EVERYONE gets dumped off the Electoral Roll – and needs to make a definite decision to come back on again.

It happens in the Church of England every six years. Whereas for five years, the Electoral Roll is revised annually by our Electoral Roll Officer, in this sixth year, the roll is dissolved, and we must all re-apply and re-commit ourselves.

That's the quick way of explaining it. If you want a detailed and clear legal break down of how exactly it works, you can find it at:

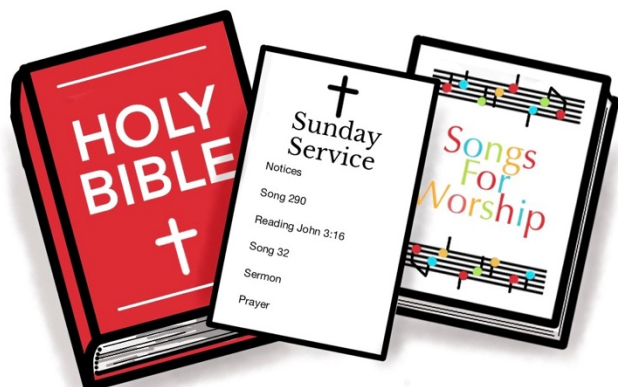
<https://www.churchofengland.org/about/leadership-and-governance/legal-resources/church-representation-rules>

If you manage to wade through all the details of the process, and understand them, it will leave you with admiration for the person in your church who has been brave enough to become the Electoral Roll Officer!

New Church Electoral Roll – St Saviour's

Notice is hereby given that this year a NEW Electoral Roll is being prepared from 2nd March. All persons wishing to have their name included on the new roll, whether their names are entered on the present roll or not, are requested to complete one of the forms, which you will find at the back of church. This must be completed and returned to me by Sunday 13th April 2025. Thank you.

Patricia Garratt (Church Electoral Roll Officer)
07950 960564



Prayer for March 2025

Dear Lord,

In this month when Lent begins, we remember the difficult journey Jesus made to the cross, to take upon Himself our sins and the sins of the whole world, to bring us the hope of eternal life by His resurrection.

Lord, we bring to You our own journeys through our daily lives. We bring our disappointments, our bewilderment, our pain, as well as our happy times. We thank You that You are with us in and through all of it.

We thank you that the message of Christmas is the message of Lent and the message of every day – You, our God, are with us always, giving us hope and life, because of Jesus.

Thank You that He made that journey for us, and all we have to do is trust in Him. Help us to do that and to share His good news with others, especially those in distress. We pray in His name.
Amen.

Daphne Kitching



All in the month of March

It was:

250 years ago, on 23rd March 1775 that Patrick Henry, a Founding Father of the United States, gave a famous speech at the Second Virginia Convention. He called for America's independence from Britain, saying "Give me liberty or give me death!"

150 years ago, on 7th March 1875 that the French composer Maurice Ravel was born. He was best known for *Bolero*.

125 years ago, on 28th March 1900 that the British archaeologist Arthur Evans began excavating the ancient city of Knossos, capital of the Minoan civilisation, in Heraklion, Crete. Knossos is regarded as the oldest city in Europe. It was abandoned for unknown reasons more than 3,000 years ago.

90 years ago, on 16th March 1935 that driving tests were first introduced in Britain. Three days later, on 19th March, a speed limit of 30 mph in built-up areas was also introduced, under the Road Traffic Act of 1934.

70 years ago, on 11th March 1955 that Sir Alexander Fleming, Scottish bacteriologist died. Joint winner of the 1945 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for discovering penicillin.

60 years ago, on 8th March 1965 that the first US troops arrived in Vietnam. This marked the beginning of the USA's main involvement in the war.

40 years ago, on 3rd March 1985 that British miners voted to return to work after a year-long strike over pit closures and job losses.

10 years ago, on 12th March 2015 that Terry Pratchett, British fantasy novelist best known for his Discworld series, died of Alzheimer's, aged 66.



Parish Registers:



In sure and certain hope of the Resurrection

Rene Annette Ellis died on the 16th January, aged 85.

May her family find comfort and strength in the assurance of life eternal and may her soul rest in peace and rise in glory.

Local News:

Please note that the Co-Op on Buxton Road will be closing for 8 months in March. The current store and the shop next door, Yu&Me, will be demolished to make way for the brand new Co-Op store plus a larger car park.



100 Club Winners - January



1st Prize ~ Lorraine Waterhouse

2nd Prize ~ Sue Knott

3rd Prize ~ Chris Watts

Congratulations!

March 2025

Sat. 1st 10 a.m. ~ 12 noon Working Party

Sunday 2nd

10.45 a.m.

1 ~ 3 p.m.

Wed. 5th

10.30 a.m.

11 a.m. ~ 1 p.m.

7.30 p.m.

Fri. 7th

2 p.m.

Sunday next before Lent

Sung Eucharist

Crafternoon

Holy Communion

Community Café in the hall

Ash Wednesday Eucharist

World Day of Prayer, St. Alban's, Offerton

Sunday 9th

10.45 a.m.

Mon. 10th

7.30 p.m.

Wed. 12th

10.30 a.m.

11 a.m. ~ 1 p.m.

Thurs. 13th

7.30 p.m.

Fri. 14th

7 p.m.

1st Sunday of Lent

Sung Eucharist

P.C.C. Meeting at the Vicarage

Holy Communion

Community Café in the hall

Lent group at 4 Lisburne Lane

Choir Practice

Sunday 16th

10.45 a.m.

Tues. 18th

7.30 p.m.

Wed. 19th

10.30 a.m.

11 a.m. ~ 1 p.m.

2 p.m.

Thurs. 20th

7.30 p.m.

Sunday 23rd

10.45 a.m.

Wed. 26th

10.30 a.m.

11 a.m. ~ 1 p.m.

Thurs. 27th

7.30 p.m.

Fri. 28th

7 p.m.

Sat. 29th

2nd Sunday of Lent

Sung Eucharist

MENSSA - Scalextric

Holy Communion

Community Café in the hall

Mothers' Union talk – 'The Winbolt Family'

Lent group at 4 Lisburne Lane

3rd Sunday of Lent

Sung Eucharist

Holy Communion

Community Café in the hall

Lent group at 4 Lisburne Lane

Choir Practice

Clocks go forward

Sunday 30th

10.45 a.m.

Mon. 31st

10 a.m.

1.30 – 2.45 p.m.

4th Sunday of Lent

Mothering Sunday Service

(100 Club draw)

Set up for Experience Easter

Experience Easter



**Here at St. Saviour's we welcome all legacies, however large or small and we promise to use your gift to make a difference to parish life. For further information on how you can leave a gift in your will, please contact me on 439 0371.
Thank you. Roger Salt (Treasurer)**



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