



The Society

under the patronage of Saint Wilfrid and Saint Hilda

Both Churches are under the Episcopal Care of the Bishop of Richborough:

And are served by a Priest of the Society of the Holy Cross. ✠

CHRIST THE KING

9:15 – Solemn Mass – Ordinary Form/Extraordinary Responses (Missa Simplicior / Credo vi) S Mary's Pro Populo

11:15 – Solemn Mass – Ordinary Form (K:xi; Gl:x; S&B:Pro Defunctis; A:xiv / Credo iii) S Saviour's Pro Populo

Weekday Masses:

Tue S Cecilia 10:00am Low Mass S Mary's Home Communicants

Wed S Clement (10:00am Low Mass Holy Cross, M F)

Sat Feria 10:30am Low Mass S Saviour's The Destitute

(2:00pm – 4:00pm The Bazaar, Ashwell Avenue Hall, Sundon Park)

Confessions may be heard after any Low Mass, or by Appointment.

Masses for both churches are live-streamed on the facebook page: facebook st mary the virgin sundon.

Welcome to S Mary's and S Saviour's: Welcome to S Mary's and S Saviour's today. There will as usual be tea and coffee served at the back of both churches and we hope you will be able to stay.

Today is the Feast of Christ The King: Both Parish Masses today will conclude with Benediction. At S Mary's it is good to welcome Bryan back on the organ (just a gentle mention that he is still trying to isolate) – and at S Saviour's we have Tim Burleigh to sing for us along with Laurence, so many thanks to him.

S Mary's Coffee Mornings: Many thanks to those who organise the coffee mornings – at present we never know whether we can have them until the actual day depending on the weather!

PCC Meetings: The PCC of S Mary's cancelled their recent meeting on the death of H M the Late Queen, so a new date will need to be arranged at a convenient time.

S Saviour's Porch: It is really a diabolical state of affairs that we cannot access church from the front door owing to bedding and so forth being tied to the front door. I have tried to phone the contact given to me to ask about it, but cannot get hold of them. For the time being, please come in through the side door.

S Mary's Roof: We hope that today we shall see some sunshine which should enable us to be able to have a Parish Mass today. The roof is in hand and all is being done to get this sorted – we all owe a great debt of thanks to James who has been working tirelessly in many ways during this very difficult time. We will get it sorted and we will be water tight – although it is taking far longer than any of us anticipated.

S Mary's Christmass Fayre – THIS Saturday 26th November: Many thanks to all those who are due to help and to support this. Please support the bottle at the back of S Mary's for the hampers and there are tickets available for the Grand Draw.

Statues of the Holy Infant of Prague: Both S Saviour's and S Mary's have a statue of the Infant of Prague. I have sourced some small prayer cards from the Church of Our Lady of Victories in Prague where the famous statue is housed. Please take one of the prayer cards and use it in your prayers for the parishes and our work, both at home and when visiting the statue in our churches. Many thanks.

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Please take this newsheet away with you!

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.*

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of the universe,
grant, we pray,
that the whole creation, set free from slavery,
may render your majesty service
and ceaselessly proclaim your praise.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING 2 Samuel 5:1-3

A reading from the second book of Samuel.

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. "Look," they said, "we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel." So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 121

RESPONSE: *I rejoiced when I heard them say:
"Let us go to God's house."*

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:
"Let us go to God's house."
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R.**
2. Jerusalem is built as a city
strongly compact.
It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord. **R.**
3. For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David. **R.**

SECOND READING Colossians 1:12-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians.

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light.

Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God
and the first-born of all creation,
for in him were created
all things in heaven and on earth:
everything visible and everything invisible,

Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers –
all things were created through him and for him.
Before anything was created, he existed,
and he holds all things in unity.

Now the Church is his body,
he is its head.

As he is the Beginning,
he was first to be born from the dead,
so that he should be first in every way;
because God wanted all perfection
to be found in him
and all things to be reconciled through him and for him,
everything in heaven and everything on earth,
when he made peace
by his death on the cross.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL Luke 23:35-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. "He saved others," they said, "let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One." The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself." Above him there was an inscription: "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. "Are you not the Christ?" he said. "Save yourself and us as well." But the other spoke up and rebuked him. "Have you no fear of God at all?" he said. "You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus," he said, "remember me when you come into your kingdom." "Indeed, I promise you," he replied, "today you will be with me in paradise."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

As we offer you, O Lord, the sacrifice
by which the human race is reconciled to you,
we humbly pray
that your Son himself may bestow on all nations
the gifts of unity and peace.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*The Lord sits as King for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having received the food of immortality,
we ask, O Lord,
that, glorying in obedience
to the commands of Christ, the King of the universe,
we may live with him eternally in his heavenly Kingdom.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.