



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. ✠

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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:

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

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](https://www.facebook.com/stmarythevirgin Sundon).

Welcome to S Mary's and S Saviour's: There will as usual be tea and coffee after Mass today, and we do hope you will be able to stay.

RIP: Pam Sampson: Pam who has been a very faithful member of S Saviour's died peacefully at home on December 28th. Her funeral will be at Luton Crematorium on Tuesday 24th January at 10:00am. There will be a Requiem Mass for Pam at S Saviour's sometime over the next couple of weeks. Our love and prayers are with all the family. Jesu mercy; Mary pray.

RIP: Frank Crawford: Frank who has been a very important part of life in Upper Sundon Village and who has been held in very great affection by all of us here at S Mary's died over the new year. Funeral arrangements will be announced in due course. Our love and prayers are with all the family. Jesu mercy, Mary pray.

Many thanks to all those who have helped to decorate our churches: Many thanks to everyone who has helped again this year with the decorating of the churches for Christmas. Although most of us will now have taken our trees and decorations down in our homes the decorations in church remain in place until the feast of Candlemass.

The Epiphany: Many thanks – and well done – to all those who came along on Friday at 12 noon at S Mary's for the Epiphany Mass. It was good to see a good number of us and to enjoy a glass of sherry and a mince pie afterwards.

Many thanks also for all the cards and gifts: the floor under the Christmas Tree in the Vicarage is groaning again this year with presents, and a bigger mantelpiece will need to be built for all the myriads of cards! Thank you so much to everyone for being so kind and generous again this year – it is much appreciated, and as always Fr Yenda is very touched!

S Mary's Roof: It was good to be able to celebrate Christmas 2022 and The Solemnity of Our Lady 2023 in the dry! The Scaffolders have worked hard and the temporary roof is on. Many thanks to those who have helped this week. This week the work continues as they begin inside S Mary's so there will for the time being be no Low Masses in the week at S Mary's.

S Saviour's Gates: the gates at the back of church are now in place and we now await the front gates.

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened,
and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove,
and the voice of the Father thundered:
This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.*

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
who, when Christ had been baptised in the River Jordan
and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him,
solemnly declared him your beloved Son,
grant that your children by adoption,
reborn of water and the Holy Spirit,
may always be well pleasing to you.
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.**

Or

O God, whose Only Begotten Son
has appeared in our very flesh,
grant, we pray, that we may be inwardly transformed
through him whom we recognise as outwardly like ourselves.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Isaiah 42:1-4. 6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom my soul delights.
I have endowed him with my spirit
that he may bring true justice to the nations.

He does not cry out or shout aloud,
or make his voice heard in the streets.
He does not break the crushed reed,
nor quench the wavering flame.

Faithfully he brings true justice;
he will neither waver, nor be crushed
until true justice is established on earth,
for the islands are awaiting his law.

I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right;
I have taken you by the hand and formed you;
I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the
nations,

to open the eyes of the blind,
to free captives from prison,
and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 28

RESPONSE: *The Lord will bless his people with peace.*

- O give the Lord you sons of God,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Adore the Lord in his holy court. **R.**
- The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,
the Lord on the immensity of waters;
the voice of the Lord, full of power,
the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. **R.**

- The God of glory thunders.
In his temple they all cry: "Glory!"
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits as king for ever. **R.**

SECOND READING Acts 10:34-38

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: "The truth I have
now come to realise" he said "is that God does not have favourites,
but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what
is right is acceptable to him.

"It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to
them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ –
but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the
recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how
he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God
had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because
God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all
who had fallen into the power of the devil."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded:

"This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him."

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 3:13-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John.
John tried to dissuade him. "It is I who need baptism from you," he
said, "and yet you come to me!" But Jesus replied, "Leave it like
this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all
that righteousness demands." At this, John gave in to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water,
and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God
descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice spoke
from heaven, "This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, the offerings
we have brought to honour the revealing of your beloved Son,
so that the oblation of your faithful
may be transformed into the sacrifice of him
who willed in his compassion
to wash away the sins of the world.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold the One of whom John said:

I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourished with these sacred gifts,
we humbly entreat your mercy, O Lord,
that, faithfully listening to your Only Begotten Son,
we may be your children in name and in truth.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**