

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023

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**S MARY THE VIRGIN, SUNDON**


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**S SAVIOUR, LUTON**



**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. 

**26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

9:15 Solemn Mass

Ordinary Form/Extraordinary Responses (Missa Simplicior /Credo vi)

S Mary's

ProPopulo

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

Mon Holy Guardian Angels 12:00noon Low Mass S Saviour's S Saviour's PCC

[12:45pm PCC

S Saviour's]

Wed S Francis 10:30am Low Mass

S Mary's Our Local Community

[2:00pm Sundon Lower Sch. Harvest

S Mary's]

Sat Of Our Lady 10:30am Low Mass

S Saviour's Walsingham Shrine

**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. There will as always be tea and coffee served after both Solemn Masses and we hope you will be able to stay.

**PCC Meetings:**

The next PCC meeting at S Saviour's will be tomorrow, Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 12:45pm at S Saviour's.

The Next PCC meeting at S Mary's will be on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 2:30pm at the Vicarage.

**The Friends of S Mary's upcoming events:** Many thanks to the Friends of S Mary's for their most productive meeting recently. Here are up coming dates:

Saturday November 4<sup>th</sup> – Quiz Night – Ashwell Avenue Hall

Saturday November 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmass Fayre – Ashwell Avenue Hall

**Coffee Morning:** Many thanks to those who organised the coffee morning and those who came along. It was good to see everyone and £20 was raised – very well done! The next one will be the last Friday in October at S Mary's at 10:30am.

**Recent Events in Sundon Park:** It has been a tremendous shock and deeply disturbing to hear the news reports of violence over the last couple of weeks. As I understand it the incidents have concerned people who were acquainted with each other, rather than random incidents. Knife crime is something we sadly hear more of these days, and when it occurs on our estate we feel both anger and fear. The most important thing we can do as a church community is to pray for all those involved and for their families.

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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

*All that you have done to us, O Lord,  
you have done with true judgement,  
for we have sinned against you  
and not obeyed your commandments.  
But give glory to your name  
and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.*

**COLLECT**

O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
*Amen.*

**FIRST READING** Ezekiel 18:25-28

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: "You object, 'What the Lord does is unjust.' Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die."

The word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**PSALM** Psalm 24**RESPONSE: Remember your mercy, Lord.**

1. Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour. **R.**
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.  
Do not remember the sins of my youth.  
In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**
3. The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

**SECOND READING** Philippians 2:1-11

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

(for shorter form read between > <)

>If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:<

His state was divine,  
yet he did not cling  
to his equality with God  
but emptied himself  
to assume the condition of a slave,  
and became as men are;

and being as all men are,  
he was humbler yet,  
even to accepting death,  
death on a cross.  
But God raised him high  
and gave him the name  
which is above all other names  
so that all beings  
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,  
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus  
and that every tongue should acclaim  
Jesus Christ as Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Alleluia, alleluia!  
If anyone loves me he will keep my word,  
and my Father will love him,  
and we shall come to him.  
Alleluia!*

Or

*Alleluia, alleluia!  
The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice,  
says the Lord,  
I know them and they follow me.  
Alleluia!*

**GOSPEL** Matthew 21:28-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, "What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, 'My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not go,' but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, 'Certainly, sir,' but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?" "The first," they said. Jesus said to them, "I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him."

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Grant us, O merciful God,  
that this our offering may find acceptance with you  
and that through it the wellspring of all blessing  
may be laid open before us.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

*Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,  
by which you have given me hope.  
This is my comfort when I am brought low.*

Or

*By this we came to know the love of God:  
that Christ laid down his life for us;  
so we ought to lay down our lives for one another.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

May this heavenly mystery, O Lord,  
restore us in mind and body,  
that we may be coheirs in glory with Christ,  
to whose suffering we are united  
whenever we proclaim his Death.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**