

Sunday 24th/Monday 25th December 2023

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**S MARY THE VIRGIN, SUNDON**

**&**

**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. ✙

**THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST – CHRISTMASS 2023!**



**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December: Christmass Eve.**

**6:00pm – Choral Solemn Mass of Christmass – S Saviour's**

**11:30pm – Solemn Midnight Mass – S Mary's**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December: Christmass Day .**

**9:30am – Solemn Mass of Christmass Day.**

***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 as we celebrate Christmass 2023.**

Many thanks to everyone who has worked so hard to make the churches look so splendid for the Christmass celebrations this year.

We wish everyone a very Happy and Blessed Christmass.

## **Regular Sunday Masses:**

### **9:15 Solemn Mass at S Mary's**

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

### **11:15 Solemn Mass at S Saviour's**

Ordinary Form (K:xi; Gl:x; S&B:Pro Defunctis; A:xiv / Credo iii)

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## MASS DURING THE NIGHT

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Let us all rejoice in the Lord, for our Saviour has been born in the world.*

*Today true peace has come down to us from heaven.*

### FIRST READING Isaiah 9:1-7

### PSALM Psalm 95

**RESPONSE:** *Today a saviour has been born to us; he is Christ the Lord.*

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,  
sing to the Lord all the earth.  
O sing to the Lord, bless his name. **R.**
2. Proclaim his help day by day,  
tell among the nations his glory  
and his wonders among all the peoples. **R.**
3. Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad,  
let the sea and all within it thunder praise,  
let the land and all it bears rejoice,  
all the trees of the wood shout for joy  
at the presence of the Lord for he comes,  
he comes to rule the earth. **R.**
4. With justice he will rule the world,  
he will judge the peoples with his truth. **R.**

### SECOND READING Titus 2:11-14

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I bring you news of great joy:*

*today a saviour has been born to us, Christ the Lord.*

*Alleluia!*

### GOSPEL Luke 2:1-14

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*The Word became flesh, and we have seen his glory.*

## MASS AT DAWN

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Today a light will shine upon us, for the Lord is born for us;*

*and he will be called Wondrous God,*

*Prince of peace, Father of future ages;*

*and his reign will be without end.*

### FIRST READING Isaiah 62:11-12

### PSALM Psalm 96

**RESPONSE:** *This day new light will shine upon the earth: the Lord is born for us.*

1. The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,  
the many coastlands be glad.  
The skies proclaim his justice;  
all peoples see his glory. **R.**
2. Light shines forth for the just  
and joy for the upright of heart.  
Rejoice, you just, in the Lord:  
give glory to his holy name. **R.**

### SECOND READING Titus 3:4-7

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Glory to God in the highest heaven,*

*and peace to men who enjoy his favour.*

*Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL Luke 2:15-20

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Rejoice, O Daughter Zion; lift up praise, Daughter Jerusalem:  
Behold, your King will come, the Holy One and Saviour of the world.*

## MASS DURING THE DAY

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*A child is born for us, and a son is given to us;*

*his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder,*

*and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.*

### FIRST READING Isaiah 52:7-10

### PSALM Psalm 97

**RESPONSE:** *All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.*

1. Sing a new song to the Lord  
for he has worked wonders.  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have brought salvation. **R.**
2. The Lord has made known his salvation;  
has shown his justice to the nations.  
He has remembered his truth and love  
for the house of Israel. **R.**
3. All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.  
Shout to the Lord all the earth,  
ring out your joy. **R.**
4. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp,  
with the sound of music.  
With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
acclaim the King, the Lord. **R.**

### SECOND READING Hebrews 1:1-6

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*A hallowed day has dawned upon us.*

*Come, you nations, worship the Lord,*

*for today a great light has shone down upon the earth.*

*Alleluia!*

### GOSPEL John 1:1-18

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.*

### SOLEMN BLESSING

*Bow down for the blessing.*

May the God of infinite goodness,  
who by the Incarnation of his Son has driven darkness from the world  
and by that glorious Birth has illumined this most holy night (day),  
drive far from you the darkness of vice  
and illumine your hearts with the light of virtue. **Amen.**

May God, who willed that the great joy  
of his Son's saving Birth  
be announced to shepherds by the Angel,  
fill your minds with the gladness he gives  
and make you heralds of his Gospel. **Amen.**

And may God, who by the Incarnation  
brought together the earthly and heavenly realm,  
fill you with the gift of his peace and favour  
and make you sharers with the Church in heaven. **Amen.**

And may the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,  
come down on you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**