

Sunday 10th March 2024

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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. ✝

LAETARE SUNDAY/ MOTHERING SUNDAY/ 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

9:15 Solemn Mass – S Mary's

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

S Mary's

ProPopulo

11:15 Solemn Mass – S Saviour's

Ordinary Form (K: xvi; Credo: iii; S & B: xviii; A: xviii)

S Saviour's

Pro Populo

Tue	Feria Lent iv	10:30am	Low Mass	S Saviour's	Home Communicants
Wed	Feria Lent iv	[11:00am	Funeral	S Mary's	RIP James French]
Sat	Feria Lent iv	10:30am	Low Mass	S Saviour's	People of Ukraine

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: There will as always be tea and coffee after both Solemn Masses and we hope you will be able to stay. Today is Laetare Sunday and is one of only two Sundays in the year when rose pink vestments are used. It is also Mothering Sunday.

Today at S Mary's we welcome those having their banns read: Steven Wilkins; B; S Margaret, Streatley & Chelsea Dawn Smith; S; S Margaret Streatley. Being married by Qualifying Connection.

Cards for Bishop Norman: Bishop Norman under whose episcopal oversight our two churches sit, is retiring at Easter this year. Bishop Norman has worked hard for the parishes under his care and it would be good to send him good wishes upon his well earned retirement. There is a card for Bishop Norman at the back of both churches, do please sign it for him over the next couple of weeks and it can be sent off to him before his move from St Albans to Kings Lynn; do please pray for him as he prepares for his retirement.

Cheese and Wine Evening: It is hoped that this year the Cheese and Wine Evening will take place on the evening of Wednesday 10th April at the Vicarage. Please let Fr Yenda know if are interested. It was quite successful last year. This is open to people from both S Mary's and S Saviour's.

Holy Week: We will need to work out the order of services for Holy Week. I am anticipating that this year the Ladies' Club Mass and the Maundy Thursday Liturgy at S Mary's may be more conveniently celebrated in the day time rather than the evening. Good Friday will need to be early enough for us to set the church ready for Easter Sunday. The Easter Vigil this year will take place at 6pm at Holy Cross, Marsh Farm as Fr Yenda will be doing cover during their interregnum.

Next Sunday: is the 5th Sunday of Lent.

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Please take this newsheet away with you!

Note: Other prayers and readings may be used if the Scrutinies are celebrated today.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.*

COLLECT

O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. 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 Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23

A reading from the second book of Chronicles.

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, "Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation."

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: "Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, 'The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up.'"

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 136

RESPONSE: *O let my tongue
cleave to my mouth
if I remember you not!*

1. By the rivers of Babylon
there we sat and wept,
remembering Zion;
on the poplars that grew there
we hung up our harps. **R.**
2. For it was there that they asked us,
our captors, for songs,
our oppressors, for joy.
"Sing to us," they said,
"one of Zion's songs." **R.**
3. O how could we sing
the song of the Lord
on alien soil?
If I forget you, Jerusalem,
let my right hand wither! **R.**
4. O let my tongue
cleave to my mouth
if I remember you not,
if I prize not Jerusalem
above all my joys! **R.**

SECOND READING Ephesians 2:4-10

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

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

*God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son;
everyone who believes in him has eternal life.*

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

GOSPEL John 3:14-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

"The Son of Man must be lifted up
as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,
so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.
Yes, God loved the world so much
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost
but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world
not to condemn the world,
but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned;
but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already,
because he has refused to believe
in the name of God's only Son.

On these grounds is sentence pronounced:
that though the light has come into the world
men have shown they prefer
darkness to the light
because their deeds were evil.

And indeed, everybody who does wrong
hates the light and avoids it,
for fear his actions should be exposed;
but the man who lives by the truth
comes out into the light,
so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

We place before you with joy these offerings,
which bring eternal remedy, O Lord,
praying that we may both faithfully revere them
and present them to you, as is fitting,
for the salvation of all the world.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together.
It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,
to praise the name of the Lord.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, who enlighten everyone who comes into this world,
illuminate our hearts, we pray,
with the splendour of your grace,
that we may always ponder
what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty
and love you in all sincerity.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**