



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY – 3RD SESSION**

**MASS TIMES:**

**Sunday:** Sat vigil 6.30pm, 9.15am, 11am

**Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri:** 9am

**Weds:** 7pm.

**Sat:** 11.30am, followed by Exposition and Confessions.

**Tuesday Requiem Mass for Elizabeth Greenhalgh at 11am.**

**Masses received:**

Lately dead:

Elizabeth Greenhalgh, Rosemarie Ridings, Joan Ramsden and Peter Owen.

Other Masses:

Phil Scarsbrook (anniversary) Joan Stephan (for a recovery) Maureen Branagan, Charlie Massey and the Holy Souls.

Congratulation Gaynor and Peter Ward on the arrival of Jack Sebastien!

**CONGRATULATIONS to our 24 girls and boys who today make their First Holy Communion.**

**CONGRATULATIONS Kevin on another achievement – 80 next Wednesday! - and thanks again for today's FIRST COMMUNICANTS etc. etc.!!**

The Repository, at the back of Church, has a good selection of cards and gifts for First Holy Communions.

**Old Photos of life at St. Luke's?**

We'd love to have them on our history blog on the parish website. Email to [history@stlukesalford.org.uk](mailto:history@stlukesalford.org.uk) or give to Paul Ashton, Steph McDonough or Pat Murray They will be copied and returned to you.

**Next Week's Bulletin.**

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**Today's Theme: DESPERATION AND FAITH**

In today's Gospel Jairus is a desperate father and his love for his daughter makes him a beggar, despite being an important Jewish official. *"Do not be afraid, only have faith"*. Jesus' love and concern for those who suffer is obvious throughout the Gospels. Today this love and concern is for the many who suffer on behalf of their loved ones. Sadly, unlike Jairus, there are many parents who have buried their loved ones. These children are no less precious. To Jesus they are asleep in death. As the Risen Lord he will come to awaken them. This is our faith. This is why the words addressed to Jairus are addressed to all of us:

*"Do not be afraid, only **HAVE FAITH**"*.

Yes. Jesus, the Son of God, has power over life and death.

**THIS IS WHY HE CAME.**

**ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL - TRUE DISCIPLES!**

Following Jesus **cost them their lives**. Take heart,

**PETER**

"Leave me Lord, I am a sinful man".

"I don't know the man".

Yes a coward! But chosen to be head of the Church.

**PAUL**

"Saul, Saul, why are persecuting me?"

A fanatical **Jew** becomes the greatest Christian convert.

**BOTH WERE MARTYRED IN ROME UNDER THE PERSECUTION OF NERO.**

**TOTAL COMMITMENT!**

**ALL THANKS TO AMAZING GRACE!**

**PS. "EVERY SAINT HAS A PAST AND EVERY SINNER HAS A FUTURE"**

**And on a lighter note, WORLD CUP 2018 HOWLERS!**

"After a goal less first half, the score at half time is 0-0!"

"If they score they will win this game!"

"Without picking out individuals Cristiano Ronaldo had a great game!"

"His left foot is one of his best!"

"I don't think they're as good as they are!"

"Some of these players never dreamed they'd be playing in a World Cup Tournament - but here they are today fulfilling those dreams"!!!

"If we can stop hooliganism we can go a long way towards stemming this great tide of people not going to football matches"!!!

**ENGLAND FOR THE CUP?!?**

