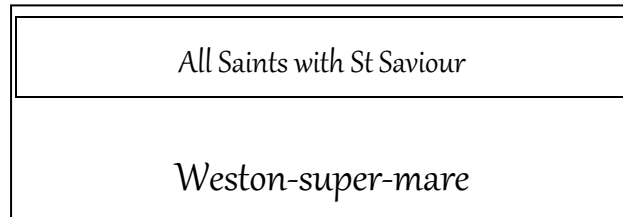




Arms of St Saviour



Arms of All Saints

5th January 2024

Dear friends,

Firstly thank you to all for your Christmas kindnesses, good wishes and gifts. We have had a super time in the parish. But I am glad exceedingly that with this year a leap year, Christmas Day is a Wednesday! Today the Christmas period comes to an end with the celebration of the Epiphany.

I found these helpful words from Pope Benedict which, as we are under pressure at the moment, I will share with you:

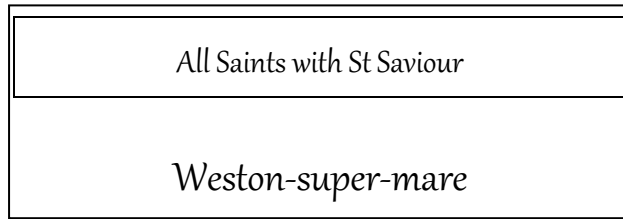
"Men and women of every generation need on their pilgrim journey to be directed: what star can we therefore follow? After coming to rest "over the place where the child was", the purpose of the star that guided the Magi ended, but its spiritual light is always present in the Word of the Gospel, which is still able today to guide every person to Jesus.

This same word, which is none other than the reflection of Christ, true man and true God, is authentically echoed by the Church for every well-disposed heart.

The Church too, therefore, carries out the mission of the star for humanity. But something of the sort could be said about each Christian, called to illuminate the path of the brethren by word and example of life."



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This Feast then reminds is our primary calling which is to bring others to encounter the Lord. May we find new and creative ways of doing so in 2024, as well as committing ourselves to the daily round of prayer and Sacrament afresh.

With my love, prayers and renewed thanks,
Fr Brendan

PS Please note that I am on post-Christmas holiday 8-12 January inclusive.