

NOTICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Today	10am-11:30 – Third Sunday before Lent + Sunday School
Tues 14 Feb	Happy St Valentine's day 7:00am-7:30am – Morning Prayer 9.30am-11am Play & Stay parents and babies in the choir room with Kathryn 7:30pm-8:15pm – Night Prayer
Weds 15 Feb	10am-10.45 Holy Communion peaceful & prayerful – 6-8pm – Open Church with launch of new guidebook – All Welcome
Fri 17 Feb	8.30am-3.30pm Community Payback Gardeners 8pm Choir Practice – all welcome
Sat 18 Feb	9:30-1:30pm - 'Street Summit - Rubbish' with our MP - in the Church Hall 10am-11am Parish Office for baptisms (Christenings), Weddings and all bookings 7:00pm – 9:30pm Fish and Chips and Quiz evening with Sing-a-long
Sun 19 Feb	10am-11:30 – Second Sunday before Lent + Sunday School + Young Peoples' Group 12 noon – Mission Action Team Meeting

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

"If you are there for the Lord, He will be there for you. If you love Him and keep His commandments, you will have His Spirit to be with you and guide you."

— **Robert D. Hales**

"Your religion is not what you do on Sunday. It is how you live Monday through Saturday."

— **Shannon L. Alder**

"God gave us free agency, and then gave us the commandments to keep us free."

— **Cecil B. DeMille**

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HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH CROYDON

3rd Sunday before Lent

12th February 2017

HYMN 1: 162– Jesus where'er thy people meet

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Old Testament Reading – Deuteronomy 30: 15-20 Michael

¹⁵ See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶ If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the

land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰ loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Psalm 119:1-8

Beati immaculati

Blessed are those that are undefiled in the way : and walk in the law of the Lord.
2 Blessed are they that keep his testimonies : and seek him with their whole heart.
3 For they who do no wickedness : walk in his ways.
4 Thou hast charged : that we shall diligently keep thy commandments.
5 O that my ways were made so direct : that I might keep thy statutes!
6 So shall I not be confounded : while I have respect unto all thy commandments.
7 I will thank thee with an unfeigned heart : when I shall have learned the judgements of thy righteousness.
8 I will keep thy ceremonies : O forsake me not utterly.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

New Testament Reading – 1 Corinthians 3: 1-9 Murnell

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, ³for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? ⁴For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human? ⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labour of each. ⁹For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

Hymn 2: 200 – Fill thou my life

Gospel – Matthew 5: 21-37 ²¹"You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' ²²But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say,

'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. ²⁷"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. ³¹"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' ³²But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. ³³"Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' ³⁴But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one

INTERCESSIONS – Barbara

We Pray Especially This Week:

For more equality in the housing situation in UK

For wise parenting in modern times

For today's children and their future in a complex world

For appreciation and care of our urban environment

For the Streets Summit 'Rubbish' meeting with our MP

We Pray for those Unwell in Body, Mind or Spirit:

Jennife Clifton, Ron Thurgood, Annie, Christine, Karen Gordon and her unborn baby, the Mendez family, Dan Nieta, Ron Ritchie, Mrs Trotman, Fitzroy, Bradley, Ronald Windley, Bridget Alvin, Julie Baxter, Lyn Jackson, Margaret, Vanessa, Raymond, Elaine Dey, Margaret Bundy, Daniel Walters, Cheryl Thompson, Girish, Simon, Coleen, Rod, Christine C, Nicole, Tessa Carter, Ina, Tony, Noel Scarlett, Irene Myton, Eric, Geraldine Attwood, Agatha Evans, Jane Matthews, Marshall, and all those known to us

***Our list sometimes gets rather long... so PCC have agreed that from now on we will take people off this list after one month, but we will gladly put them back on if you request it, please let us know by writing in the prayer book in the chapel or tell Barbara, Mitzi or Revd Catherine*

We Give Thanks and Praise:

For those who have passed work exams and promotions

For those with creative enterprises

For recovery of illness

For building numbers of adults and children in church

For Barbara's work on the new Guidebook

Offertory Hymn: 249– Take my life

Communion Hymns.

279– My God, accept my heart

271 – Bread of Heaven

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen

Prayer of St Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon

Where there is doubt, faith

Where there is despair, hope

Where there is darkness, light

Where there is sadness, joy

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

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Hymn 6 : 210- Oft in danger, oft in woe

