

## NOTICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

*We welcome the Revd. Peter Jones as our priest today*

Today	Have you sent Sheri your APCM reports?
Wed 6 Apr	10am Holy Communion peaceful & prayerful
Fri 8 Apr	Choir Practice 8pm – all are welcome
Sat 9 Apr	10am-11am Parish Office open for Baptisms/Christenings; Weddings and Hall bookings
Sun 10 Apr	10am Third Sunday of Easter

### THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

“Mary showed complete trust in God by agreeing to be used as an instrument in his plan of salvation. She trusted him in spite of her nothingness because she knew he who is mighty could do great things in her and through her. Once she said “yes” to him, she never doubted. She was just a young woman, but she belonged to God and nothing nor anyone could separate her from him.”

– *Blessed Teresa of Calcutta*

“The scene of the Annunciation merits consideration for another reason, too: it is not only wholly Christological; it is wholly trinitarian as well...The angel’s initial salutation...brings her the greeting of the ‘Lord’, Yahweh, the Father...she will give birth to the ‘Son of the Most High’...the Holy Spirit will overshadow her...”

– *Hans Urs Von Balthasar*

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## HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH – CROYDON

### The Annunciation

3<sup>rd</sup> April 2016

**HYMN 1- 145 – Come ye thankful raise the anthem**

#### **COLLECT FOR THE DAY**

We beseech you, O Lord,  
pour your grace into our hearts,  
that as we have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection; 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 - Michael**

##### **Isaiah 7:10-14**

10 Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying,  
11 Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. 12 But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. 13 Then Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? 14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.

**PSALM 40: vv 5-11**

5 Blessed is the man that hath set his hope in the Lord : and turned not unto the proud, and to such as go about with lies. 6 O Lord my God, great are the wondrous works which thou hast done, like as be also thy thoughts which are to us-ward : and yet there is no man that ordereth them unto thee.

7 If I should declare them, and speak of them : they should be more than I am able to express.

8 Sacrifice and meat-offering thou wouldest not: but mine ears hast thou opened.

9 Burnt-offerings, and sacrifice for sin, hast thou not required : then said I, Lo, I come, 10 In the volume of the book it is written of me, that I should fulfil thy will, O my God : I am content to do it; yea, thy law is within my heart.

11 I have declared thy righteousness in the great congregation : lo, I will not refrain my lips, O Lord, and that thou knowest.

**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 - Sue  
Hebrews 10: 4-10**

<sup>4</sup>For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

<sup>5</sup>Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,

but a body you have prepared for me;

<sup>6</sup>in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure.

<sup>7</sup>Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God'

(in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

<sup>8</sup>When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), <sup>9</sup>then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second.

<sup>10</sup>And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

**Hymn 2 – 309 – The God, who earth and sea and sky**

**GOSPEL READING**

**Luke 1 : 26-38**

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you." <sup>29</sup>But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.

<sup>30</sup>The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. <sup>31</sup>And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup>He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." <sup>34</sup>Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" <sup>35</sup>The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. <sup>36</sup>And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. <sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup>Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

**Prayers of Intercession – Percival**

**We Pray Especially This Week For:**

*Those Christians murdered in Pakistan over Easter*

*Rev Catherine as she rests after Easter Persecuted Christians across the world*

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

*Nicole, Christine, Sandra Schloss, Tessa Carter, Ina, Cheryl, Tony, Patrick (Rose's son), Jenny Prentice, Stella Herbert, Ethel Miller, Enid Robinson, Julie Baxter, Jasmine, Beryl Mendez and all the Mendez family, Agnes, Errol, Ron Thurgood, John Jevess, John Smith, Avril Ward, Beauty, Noel Scarlett, Clifton and Irene Myton, Walter, Eric, Geraldine Attwood, Agatha Evans, Jane Matthews, Marshall, Vivaldo, and all those known to us*

**We Give Thanks and Praise For:**

*The clergy who have covered for Revd Catherine while she is away  
Our worship today  
The beauty of the world in springtime*

**HOLY ANOINTING**

**Offertory Hymn – 310 – Her virgin eyes saw God**

**Eucharistic Prayer will be Prayer B on page 22 in your red book**

**Communion Hymns**

**311 – Virgin born, we bow before Thee**

**97 - Father of Heaven**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

. Amen

**The 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.

**Final Hymn – HHS 30 – To God be the glory**