

## NOTICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

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Today	12 noon – APCM in the church
Tues 26 Apr	5pm – 6:30pm Confirmation Session 2 - Upper Den
Wed 27 Apr	10am Holy Communion peaceful & prayerful
Thurs 28 Apr	Romanian Orthodox Easter Celebration in Church
Fri 29 Apr	Romanian Orthodox Easter Celebration in Church
Sat 30 Apr	10am-11am Parish Office open for Baptisms/Christenings; Weddings and Hall bookings
Sat 30 Apr	10-30am-12 noon Confirmation Session 3 – Upper Den
Sat 30 April	Romanian Orthodox Easter Celebration in Church
Sun 1 May	10am Sixth Sunday of Easter
Sun 1 May	12 noon – 1pm Confirmation Session 4 – Upper Den

### THOUGHTS ON EVANGELISM

Don't wait for a feeling or love in order to share Christ with a stranger. You already love your heavenly Father, and you know that this stranger is created by Him, but separated from Him, so take those first steps in evangelism because you love God. It is not primarily out of compassion for humanity that we share our faith or pray for the lost; it is first of all, love for God."

— John Piper

"Jesus himself did not try to convert the two thieves on the cross; he waited until one of them turned to him."

— Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Letters and Papers from Prison

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## HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH – CROYDON Mark the Evangelist – 24<sup>th</sup> April 2016

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**HYMN 1- 332 – Christ is made the sure foundation vv 5-9**

### **COLLECT FOR THE DAY**

Almighty God,  
who enlightened your holy Church through the inspired witness of your evangelist Saint Mark:  
grant that we, being firmly grounded in the truth of the gospel,  
may be faithful to its teaching both in word and deed;  
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 – Christine C**  
**Proverbs 15 : 28-33**

<sup>28</sup> The mind of the righteous ponders how to answer,

but the mouth of the wicked pours out evil.

<sup>29</sup> The Lord is far from the wicked,  
but he hears the prayer of the righteous.

<sup>30</sup> The light of the eyes rejoices the heart,  
and good news refreshes the body.

<sup>31</sup> The ear that heeds wholesome admonition

will lodge among the wise.

<sup>32</sup> Those who ignore instruction despise themselves,

but those who heed admonition gain understanding.

<sup>33</sup> The fear of the Lord is instruction in wisdom,

and humility goes before honour.

**Psalm 119 vv 9-16**  
***In quo corriget?***

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way : even by ruling himself after thy word.

10 With my whole heart have I sought thee : O let me not go wrong out of thy commandments.

11 Thy words have I hid within my heart : that I should not sin against thee.

12 Blessed art thou, O Lord : O teach me thy statutes.

13 With my lips have I been telling : of all the judgements of thy mouth.

14 I have had as great delight in the way of thy testimonies : as in all manner of riches.

15 I will talk of thy commandments : and have respect unto thy ways.

16 My delight shall be in thy statutes : and I will not forget thy word.

***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 - Murnell**  
**Ephesians 4 : 7-16**

<sup>7</sup> But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift.  
<sup>8</sup> Therefore it is said,  
"When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;  
he gave gifts to his people."  
<sup>9</sup> (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup> He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.)  
<sup>11</sup> The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup> until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. <sup>14</sup> We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup> But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

**Hymn 2 – 298– Disposer supreme**

**GOSPEL READING**  
**Mark 13 : 5-13**

5 Then Jesus began to say to them,  
"Beware that no one leads you astray.  
6 Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he! And they will lead many astray.  
7 When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come.  
8 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.  
9 "As for yourselves, beware; for they will hand you over to councils; and you will be beaten in synagogues; and you will stand before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them.  
10 And the good news must first be proclaimed to all nations. 11 When they bring you to trial and hand you over, do not worry beforehand about what you are to say; but say whatever is given you at that time, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. 12 Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death;  
13 and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved."

**Prayers of Intercession – Christine B**

**We Pray Especially This Week For:**

*Those affected by the lead up to the US elections*  
*The migrant crisis especially re North Africa*  
*Those affected by ISIS threats*  
*For preservation of religious identity*  
*Those facing disciplinary or redundancy action*  
*Our APCM and newly elected PCC*  
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*Janet (Sue's friend), Florence (Alison's step-mother), Vida (Alexander's wife), Rod, Marie W, Christine C, Nicole, 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, Errol, Ron Thurgood, John Jeves, 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:**

*Our confirmation candidates*  
*Lyn's trip to Barcelona*  
*Sheri's 6 years as PCC secretary*  
*Sue's admin help*  
*Carole taking on the church magazine*  
*God's presence with us always*

**Offertory Hymn – 308 – For all thy saints, O Lord**

**Eucharistic Prayer will be Prayer C on page 25 in your red book**

**Communion Hymns**

190 – There is a land of pure delight  
156 – Come down O love divine

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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 – 172– Glorious things of Thee are spoken**