

NOTICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Today	10:00am-11:30am – 5 th Sun of Lent + Passiontide Starts + Holy Anointing + Baptism of Nevaeh 12 noon – Mission and Action Team Meeting
Tues 4 Apr	7:00am – Morning Prayer 9.30am-11am Play & Stay parents and babies 7:30pm –8.30pm Night Prayer <i>focusing on The Lord's Prayer</i>
Weds 5 Apr	10am-10.45 Holy Communion peaceful & prayerful 6pm – 8pm – Open Church
Thurs 6 Apr	<i>Funeral of Irene Winifred Wright at Croydon Crem.</i>
Fri 7 Apr	8.30am-3.30pm Community Payback Gardeners 8pm – No choir practice tonight
Sat 08 Apr	10am-11am Parish Office for baptisms (Christenings), Weddings and all bookings
Sun 09 Apr	10:00am-11:30am – Palm Sunday + guest appearance of DONKEY 12 noon – Pastoral Action Team Meeting

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

“It is a curious thing, the death of a loved one. We all know that our time in this world is limited, and that eventually all of us will end up underneath some sheet, never to wake up. And yet it is always a surprise when it happens to someone we know. It is like walking up the stairs to your bedroom in the dark, and thinking there is one more stair than there is. Your foot falls down, through the air, and there is a sickly moment of dark surprise as you try and readjust the way you thought of things.”

— **Lemony Snicket, *Horseradish: Bitter Truths You Can't Avoid***

“How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.”

— **Anne Frank, *Anne Frank's Tales from the Secret Annex***

“Where there is love there is life.”

— **Mahatma Gandhi**

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HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH CROYDON

5th Sunday of Lent

2nd April 2017

HYMN 1: 72– Lift high the Cross

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his
passion, that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's
blood, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

OT Reading – Ezekiel 37: 1-14 Barbara

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³ He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord God, you know.” ⁴ Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵ Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶ I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.”

⁷ So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸ I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them.

⁹ Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰ I

prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹ Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’

¹² Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³ And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴ I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.”

Psalm 130:1-8

De profundis

Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord : Lord, hear my voice.

2 O let thine ears consider well : the voice of my complaint.

3 If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss : O Lord, who may abide it?

4 For there is mercy with thee : therefore shalt thou be feared.

5 I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him : in his word is my trust.

6 My soul fleeth unto the Lord : before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch.

7 O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy : and with him is plenteous redemption.

8 And he shall redeem Israel : from all his sins.

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

NT Reading – Romans 8: 6-11 Christine

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot,⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Hymn 2: 244 – Hark my soul

Gospel – John 11: 1-27

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha.² Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill.³ So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill."⁴ But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does

not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."⁵ Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus,⁶ after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.⁷ Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again."⁸ The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?"⁹ Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world."¹⁰ But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them."¹¹ After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him."¹² The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right."¹³ Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep.¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead.¹⁵ For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."¹⁶ Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days.¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away,¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother.²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home.²¹ Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.²² But even now I know that God will give you

whatever you ask of him."²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

²⁴ Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day."²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"²⁷ She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

INTERCESSIONS – Percival

We Pray Especially This Week for:

Those affected by knife crime in our local streets

For Surry Street Market

The aftermath of the Westminster Bridge event

For the work of Charities in the UK

For our legal system and the work of the courts

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

Crina (the sister of Peter & Elsa) Enid Robinson, Ethel Miller, Jermaine & Jade and the family, Sarah, Sam Barker, Kimberline Alexander, Ron Thurgood, The Mendez family, Ron Ritchie, Mrs Trotman, Fitzroy Bardley, Ronald Windley, Bridget Alvin, Daniel Walters, Girish, Coleen, Rod, Christine C, Tessa Carter, Ina, Tony, Noel Scarlett, Irene Myton, and all those known to us

We Give Thanks and Praise for:

For all the help Fereshteh gives in the church and the vicarage.

For the wonderful Mothering Sunday and Big Blessing and the cream tea by the Sunday School

For God's providence despite everything.

Offertory Hymn: 117 – Praise to the holiest

Communion Hymns.

67– When I survey the wondrous cross

157 – Breathe on me breath of God

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**

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.

Hymn 6 : 221 – Stand up, stand up for Jesus