

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK

Today	10:00am- 11:30am – Christ The King – Holy Communion + Sunday School With Guest photographer Piotr
Tues 28 Nov	7:00am – Morning Prayer 7.30pm-8.30pm Night Prayer with mindfulness meditation
Weds 29 Nov	10am-10.45am Holy Communion peaceful & prayerful 12 Noon – Funeral of Patrick Lawrence in Church
Thurs 30 Nov	6:00pm-6:45pm – Evening Prayer
Friday 1 Dec	8.30am-3.30pm Community Payback Gardeners 8:00-9:00pm – Choir Practice – ALL are welcome Please join us learning new carols for the carol service.
Sat 2 Dec	10am-11am Parish Office Cover for baptisms (Christenings), Weddings and all bookings
Sun 3 Dec	10:00am- 11:30am – Advent Sunday – Holy Communion + Sunday School + Anointing Preacher Revd Anthony Buckley 11.45-12.15 Bring & Share Lunch in the hall 12.30-2pm Advent Quiet Afternoon led by Revd Antony Buckley – in the Vicarage

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“To love means loving the unlovable. To forgive means pardoning the unpardonable. Faith means believing the unbelievable. Hope means hoping when everything seems hopeless.”

— G.K. Chesterton

“Faith is about doing. You are how you act, not just how you believe.”
— Mitch Albom, Have a Little Faith: a True Story

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HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH CROYDON Sunday before Advent/ Christ the King Sunday 26th November 2017

HYMN 1- 139 – Rejoice the Lord is King

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

OT Reading – Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24 – Marie

¹¹For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring

back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²²I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

²³I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

Psalm 95: vv 1-7

Venite, exultemus

O come, let us sing unto the Lord : let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving : and shew ourselves glad in him with psalms.

3 For the Lord is a great God : and a great King above all gods.

4 In his hand are all the corners of the earth : and the strength of the hills is his also.

5 The sea is his, and he made it : and his hands prepared the dry land.

6 O come, let us worship and fall down : and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

7 For he is the Lord our God : and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

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 – Ephesians 1: 15-23 – Abi

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Hymn 2: 147 – Crown Him with many crowns

Gospel – Matthew 25: 31-46

³¹ “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴ Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ ⁴¹ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴² for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a

stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

INTERCESSIONS

We Pray Especially This Week:

-For the future of Zimbabwe and its people
-For those who have suffered in the attack on a mosque in Egypt.

-For the building of the new Westfield centre in Croydon

- For our local libraries and all who use them and work in them

-For Rose Lawrence and her family

- For Mitzi on her travels

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

Claudine – Lyn’s daughter, Edit, Christopher, Jennifer, Sheila Richardson, Girish, Tiku Amin, Brenda, baby Teddy, Enid Jackson, Ethel Miller, Pat & Enid Robinson, Sam Barker, Mrs Trotman, Bradley, Bridget Alvin, Josephine & Daniel Walters, Coleen, Christine C, The Mendez family, Tessa Carter, Ina Parkinson, Tony, Noel Scarlett, Irene Myton, Ron Thurgood, Avril Ward, & all those known to us

+ for the souls of Patrick Lawrence– Rose’s son, Violet Johnson and Cecil Harrison, and for all who are mourning at this time

We Give Thanks and Praise :

-Fine winter sunshine and blue skies this week

- For our Christmas Fayre and all who organised it.

-That Karen Bishop from the Advocacy Café has been rehoused.

For Martin and his new role as Thurifer with the incense and our new servers

Joyce and Michael.

Offertory Hymn: 388 – Lord Christ, who on Thy heart

Communion Hymns.

**Choir – Faithful Shepherd feed me
223- Put thou they trust in God**

Post Communion Prayer

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 – 202 – Let all the World