

## NOTICES FOR THE WEEK

Today	10:00am-11:30am – Trinity 15 – Mathew the Apostle – HC + Sunday School + James to preach 12noon – Pastoral Action Team Meeting in the Choir Room
Tues 26 Sept	7.00am – Morning Prayer 7.30pm-8.30pm Night Prayer with mindfulness mediation
Weds 27 Sept	10am-10.45am Holy Communion peaceful & prayerful 6:00pm-8pm – Open Church
Thurs 28 Sept	6pm-6.45pm – Evening Prayer
Friday 29 Sept	8.30am-3.30pm Community Payback Gardeners
Sat 30 Sept	10am-11am Parish Office for baptisms (Christenings), Weddings and all bookings 10am- 12:30pm – Macmillan coffee morning in Church hall
Sun 1 Oct	10:00am-11:30am – Trinity 16 – Michael and All Angels – HC + Sunday School + Anointing 12noon – Building and Finance Meeting in the Choir Room

## THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

“Apostles go into new territory and establish God’s kingdom.”  
— **Sherry K. White, Walking in the Father's Riches: The Prosperity of Sonship**

“You should train disciples and followers to work and perform better than you did”  
— **Sunday Adelaja**

“Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.”  
— **Theodore Roosevelt**

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## HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH CROYDON 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Trinity/ Matthew the Apostle Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2017

### HYMN 1- 107 – The Lord is King

### COLLECT FOR THE DAY

O Almighty God,  
whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax collector to be an apostle and evangelist: give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain and the possessive love of riches that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### OT Reading – Proverbs 3: 13-18 – Sherry

- <sup>13</sup> Happy are those who find wisdom,  
and those who get understanding,  
<sup>14</sup> for her income is better than silver,  
and her revenue better than gold.  
<sup>15</sup> She is more precious than jewels,  
and nothing you desire can compare  
with her.  
<sup>16</sup> Long life is in her right hand;  
in her left hand are riches and honour.  
<sup>17</sup> Her ways are ways of pleasantness,  
and all her paths are peace.  
<sup>18</sup> She is a tree of life to those who lay  
hold of her;  
those who hold her fast are called  
happy.

### Psalm 119: vv 65-72

### *Bonitatem fecisti*

O Lord thou hast dealt graciously with thy servant : according unto thy word.  
66 O learn me true understanding and knowledge : for I have believed thy commandments.  
67 Before I was troubled, I went wrong : but now have I kept thy word.  
68 Thou art good and gracious : O teach me thy statutes.  
69 The proud have imagined a lie against me : but I will keep thy commandments with my whole heart.  
70 Their heart is as fat as brawn : but my delight hath been in thy law.  
71 It is good for me that I have been in trouble : that I may learn thy statutes.  
72 The law of thy mouth is dearer unto me : than thousands of gold and silver.

**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**

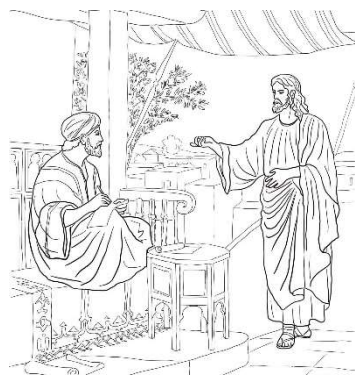
**NT Reading – 2 Corinthians 4: 1-6 –  
Sylvia**

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup>We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. <sup>3</sup>And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup>For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

**Hymn 2: 240 – Teach me my God  
and King**

**Gospel – Matthew 9: 9-13**

<sup>9</sup>As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. <sup>10</sup>And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. <sup>11</sup>When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" <sup>12</sup>But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup>Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."



**INTERCESSIONS – Christine B  
We Pray Especially This Week:**

*-For Marie as she starts her SPS training  
- For those visiting school open days  
-For those with broken family relationships  
For those with financial and tax difficulties  
-For the aftermath of the earthquake in Mexico – for those mourning, for survivors and for those helping.  
- For the Caribbean as it is affected by Hurricane Maria*

**We Pray for those Unwell in Body, Mind or Spirit:** *Euline – Alison's mum, Paulina Larios – Maria's relative, Vida – Alexander's wife Haylette family being rehoused, Fereshteh, Paul Parmenter recovering, Simon & Samantha, Girish, Tiku Amin, Brenda, baby Teddy, Enid Jackson, Ethel Miller, Pat & Enid Robinson, Sam Barker, Ron Ritchie, Mrs Trotman, Bradley, Bridget Alvin, Daniel Walters, Coleen, Christine C, The Mendez family Tessa Carter, Ina Parkinson, Tony, Noel Scarlett, Irene Myton, Ron Thurgood, Avril Ward, & and all those known to us.*

*+ for all who are mourning at this time especially Joyce who is still grieving the loss of her son after some years.*

**We Give Thanks and Praise :**

*-For Autumn weather and colours  
-For the start of work to the Thanksgiving Garden and Jan of Silverfern landscaping  
-For new people coming to our church  
- For the work of Redva and Christine our Churchwardens*

**Offertory Hymn: 356 – Father Lord of  
all creation**

**Communion Hymns.**

**249 – Take my life and let it be  
HHS 12– To Him we come**

**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**

**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 – 239 – Forth in thy name O Lord  
I go**