

NOTICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Today	11:30-11:45 Standing Committee Meeting 11:45am – 1:15 pm Communion Assistants Training 6pm Deanery Confirmation – Holy Innocents
Wed 11 May	10am Holy Communion peaceful & prayerful
Wed 11 May	7pm - LYCIG course at St Matthews House
Thurs 12 May	8pm Archdeacon's Visitation at St Mildred's Church for swearing in of Churchwardens
Fri 13 May	8pm Choir Practice – all are welcome
Sat 14 May	10am-11am Parish Office open for Baptisms/Christenings; Weddings and Hall bookings
Sun 15 May	10am Pentecost – Altogether Service please wear something red and bring exotic fruit for refreshments 12 noon – Building and Finance Meeting

THOUGHTS ON CHRIST'S ASCENSION

The ascension of Elijah may be compared to the flight of a bird, which none can follow; the ascension of Christ is, as it were, a bridge between earth and heaven, laid down for all who are drawn to Him by His earthly existence.

Baumgarten

See, the Conqueror mounts in triumph,
See the King in royal state,
Riding on the clouds His chariot
To His heavenly palace-gate;

Hark, the choirs of angel voices
Joyful halleluiahs sing,
And the portals high are lifted,
To receive their heavenly King.

Wordsworth.

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HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH – CROYDON Seventh Sunday of Easter – 8th May 2016

HYMN 1- 4 –Christ whose glory fills the skies

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

OLD TESTAMENT READING – *Mitzi*

Ezekiel 36: 24-28

²⁴ I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. ²⁵ I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶ A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. ²⁸ Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Psalm 97 vv 1-7

Dominus regnavit



The Lord is King, the earth may be glad thereof : yea, the multitude of the isles may be glad thereof.

2 Clouds and darkness are round about him : righteousness and judgement are the habitation of his seat.

3 There shall go a fire before him : and burn up his enemies on every side.

4 His lightnings gave shine unto the world : the earth saw it, and was afraid.

5 The hills melted like wax at the presence of the Lord : at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

6 The heavens have declared his righteousness : and all the people have seen his glory.

7 Confounded be all they that worship carved images, and that delight in vain gods : worship him, all ye gods.

***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 - James
Acts 16 : 16-34**

¹⁶ One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling.

¹⁷ While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." ¹⁸ She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. ¹⁹ But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities.

²⁰ When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹ and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." ²² The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³ After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴ Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.

²⁶ Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened.

²⁷ When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹ The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹ They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³² They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³ At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴ He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Hymn 2 – 157 – Breathe on me

GOSPEL READING - John 17 : 20-26

²⁰ "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

²² The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵ "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

Prayers of Intercession – Barbara

We Pray Especially This Week For:

*Balancing work/life/childcare/money
Elections: In USA, for the EU, for London
Mayor and local Councils - that many
people take up their right to vote.
Continued meetings regarding the rubbish
and fly tipping problems in this area
Child refugees
Preparations for the Olympics in Brazil
and the Zika disease there*

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

*Baby Grace in Intensive Care, 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:

*Janet's resolved situation
Our Community Payback Gardening
The sunshine and our own gardens
Art and Mariate's work on our website
Seun and Klara's expecting.....*

**Offertory Hymn – 140 – All hail the
power of Jesus' name**

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

Communion Hymns

**262 – Alleluia sing to Jesus
87 – Hail the day that sees Him rise**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all
the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we
proclaim;
through 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 – 139 – Rejoice the Lord is
King**