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April 2017 Services

'We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church'

This line comes towards the end of our Creed. The word 'catholic' here does not mean 'Roman Catholic' but is used in its original meaning which is 'everyone' - a holy church for 'all'. The word 'apostolic' relates to the succession of spiritual authority from the 12 Apostles. As Church of England. Anglicans, this succession we believe has come down from the Apostles through our Bishops.

Services

Every Tuesday:

7am-7.30pm. Morning Prayer in Lent.
Start the day with God and He will give you peace throughout the day.

9.30am-11.00am Stay & Play for babies and their parents.
From 4th April Tuesday Night Prayer
7.30pm-8.30pm.

Every Wednesday

10am-10.45am Holy Communion in Lent: Peaceful and Prayerful
6pm-8pm: Church Open for personal prayer. Feel free to drop into church for as long or short as you wish, spend time in the calm of silence & stillness.

Sunday 2 April 10am

Lent 5: Holy Communion & Sunday School & Anointing with baptism of Nevaeh

12 noon Mission and Communications Action Team meeting.

Sunday 9 April 10am

Palm Sunday with Procession and Passion Gospel of Matthew
Donkeys arrive at 9.30am!

12 noon Pastoral Action Team meeting.

Wednesday 12 April 8pm

Holy Week - Agape Meal in church
Please bring and share Mediterranean style food (humous, Greek salad, breads).

Thursday 13 April

6pm-7.15pm Rehearsal for Servers, Choir and Churchwardens.

8pm Holy Week - Maundy Thursday Service

with Foot-washing and Watch vigil
Especially appropriate for those who have recently been confirmed or want to be confirmed.

Saturday 15 April 10am-11am

Rehearsal for Servers, Choir and Churchwardens.

**Friday 14 April Holy Week -
Good Friday**
10am Stations of the Cross and
Children's Workshop,
2.30pm Veneration of the Cross.

Sunday 16 April - Easter Day
7am Service of First Light followed by
breakfast * *new time* *
10am Easter Day Holy Communion
Service with Children's Easter
Egg Hunt.

Sunday 23 April
Holy Communion & Sunday School
Easter 2: St George's Day with Guest
Priest.
12 noon Building & Finance meeting.

**Sunday 30 April Holy Communion &
Sunday School**
Easter 3: Reader James Lewis to
preach
12 noon Annual Parochial Church
Meeting. All welcome.



Save the Date

Save the date events are in normal
text and the church meetings
are in italics.

April 2017 Save the Date:

Saturday 1st April 12 noon Baptism of
baby Mary Fennemore.

Friday 28th April 6.30pm-7.45pm 150th
Meeting re: the Exhibition.

Saturday 29th April 11am-1pm
Confirmation Course starts, then

Tuesday 2nd May 5pm-7pm,

Saturday 6th May 11am-1pm, **Tuesday 9
May** 5pm-7pm and **Saturday 13th May**
11am-1pm.

Sunday 14th May 10am Rev Timothy
Alejolowo preaching.

Sunday 15th May 5pm Deanery
Confirmation Service at St Oswald's
Church, Norbury.

Thursday 4th May Faiths Together
Evening discussion, venue tbc.

Sunday 7th May 10am 150th Celebration
with Archdeacon Chris Skilton, Opening
of Exhibition / Thanksgiving Garden.

Tuesday 9th May 8pm Service for
Commissioning of Churchwardens and
PCC at Christchurch, Purley.

Sunday 21st May 10am Young People's
Group - Is it good to be competitive?

Saturday 27th May 10am-4pm
Parish Away Day - Bluebell Railway.

Sunday 11th June 10am Formal 150th
Celebration Service with Bishop
Jonathan - young people bury
the time capsule.

Sunday 18th June 10am 150th
Dedication & Birthday Service with cake
& local history talk afterwards.



Sunday Services 10am Holy Communion with Sunday School

Weekday Services Wednesday 10am Holy Communion

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Rev's End

April 2017

What is the 'Service of First Light'?

It's the service which links Good Friday with Easter day. It's the celebration of the Mysteries when Jesus passed from death to life.

It's about the moment of Christ's Resurrection.



We are holding the 'Service of First Light' at a different time this year. In years past at Holy Saviour Church, it has been held on the Holy Saturday evening (the night before Easter Day) but it seems to be very poorly attended and this, in my view, is a huge loss.

It's a very holy and important service, not to be lost in the mists of tradition!

So this year we are holding it at dawn, 'first light'. That's, 7am-8am on Easter Sunday 16th April 17.

And afterwards we're providing a celebratory breakfast from 8am-9am in the church hall organised by our Social Events Team.



Easter Breakfast



Of course the 10am Easter Family Service will still happen so do stay on! The Service of First Light starts with 'The Easter Fire' which is prepared outside by our Churchwardens; the congregation and Choir gather round. The Priest and Servers process outside in silence bearing the Paschal Candle for this year, 2017.



The new fire is blessed and the new Paschal Candle is 'trace marked' by the priest:

*Vertical: Christ yesterday and today;
Horizontal: The beginning and the end;
First number: All time belongs to him;
Second number: And all ages;*

*Third number: to him be glory and power;
Fourth number: through every age for ever.*



The five studs are inserted into the candle reminding us of the five wounds of Christ.



With a taper from the fire, the Priest lights the new Paschal Candle. From that light, the whole Congregation and Choir light hand-held candles, signifying that we all have new light. Processing back into the church carrying the Paschal Candle, we sing

three times 'The Light of Christ'
and 'Thanks be to God'.
This marks an end to the 'emptiness'
of Good Friday and Holy Saturday.



We then say Alleluia Christ is Risen, He
is Risen Indeed!

Then all at once...
All the lights are switched on in
Church, the organ thunders, the
candles are all lit in the church and
everyone makes celebratory noise
with hand held musical instruments.



This is followed by the proclamation
of the Exultet, which is ancient
Easter praise. This links this night
of our Christian redemption (our
restoration and revitalisation) to
the Passover night of Israel's

redemption out of Egypt.

THE EXULTET

The Exultant Praise of the
Easter Proclamation

We then begin the vigil, with key Bible
readings telling of God's saving love
from Genesis, Exodus, Isaiah,
Psalm 19, Ezekiel, Romans and the
Gospel of Luke.



We then renew of our baptismal vows
It's like being baptised again by being
anointed with water and welcomed.

This is a major baptismal event.
Baptism and Easter have been closely
linked because in Lent we have
prepared ourselves to commit once
again to enter Christ's fellowship by
entering into the 'life' of Christ's
death and resurrection.

There is a reaffirmation of your
baptismal Vows as a public declaration



We then have Holy Communion with hymns for the first time since Maundy Thursday.

Our spiritual food then leads to... Break - fast!

Easter Blessings
Rev Catherine



Congratulations

& best wishes to



*Ron and Lilian
Thurgood*

*On your Very Special
Day, 7 April, your*

55TH

**WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY**

*happy memories
happy times
happy anniversary
-27.03.23-*



SAVE AS FAVOURITES

by Marie E. Williams



Negativity [delete]
Stress [delete]
Unhappiness [delete]
Low self-esteem [delete]
Overspending [delete]
Prejudice [delete]



Believe in yourself [Save as favourites]
Avoid negative people [Save as favourites]
Embrace friendship [Save as favourites]
Laugh daily [Save as favourites]

Don't be cynical [Save as favourites]
Set goals [Save as favourites]
Be active [Save as favourites]
And most of all,
Love God
And [Save As] the Ultimate Favourite.



150th Celebration of Holy Saviour, Croydon

Mr Bill Burgess, a Croydon resident, reminisces on his life and experiences of Holy Saviour Church, Croydon.

Holy Saviour Church was then called St Saviour's Church. I came to this church with my mother when I was too young to understand what was going on.

I was born in Kimberley Road, in 1936, and I grew up in Kimberley Road. First year, I went to St Saviour's Church School, thereafter I went to Kimberley Road School where I spent the junior part of my life.

I started to get experiences of the church from the age of eleven, and that would be about

1947, when the first connection I had was joining the scouts, the St Saviour's Croydon 40th Group, which took place in the church school, next door in their hall, and that led to the connection to the church itself. Because once a month, the scouts used to do a church parade which we used to attend in the church here and then Sunday school prior to that. And I do it but I decided to join the church choir. So, I came to at that time, and asked if I could join and he said yes, audition. Well, in those days you that you just turned up but the see Mr Histed, the choir master could join and he said yes, audition. Well, in those days you that you just turned up but the had the piano and played a few notes. I had to sing a few octaves with him AhAhAh and he decided I was good enough to come in and join the choir, which



I did. I was with the choir for a couple of years I suppose and I was made Top Boy, for some reason. I was given a blue ribbon with a medal, and given the privilege of carrying the cross into the church at the beginning of services, from the vestry to the altar where I placed it, and then took my position on the choir benches, which were in a different place to where they are now. You've got to remember, we were young, I took it seriously but at the same time I was only a young boy and we used to mess about.



Mr Histed used to sit at the organ and he had a mirror, like a car mirror, that he used to see what we were up to. We had our little tricks, playing and eating sweets, and his finger used to waggle and we knew what that meant. Yes, looking back I thoroughly enjoyed it, it was one of the best times of my young life, I think. It really was.

And then I got connected to the church, I used to help Mr Field, who was the vicar then. On Sunday afternoon, I would pass him all the paraphernalia for baptisms that were taking place, and we also used to get

called upon on Saturday afternoons when weddings were taking place. Most of the weddings had a full choir which had to be paid for separately. We got 7/6 (around £9.73) and obviously, being young lads, we would try to get as many weddings as we could. I can remember the church being absolutely full to the brim every Sunday morning and afternoon. It got to the point where Mr Field used to ask if we wouldn't mind popping down to, it's changed its name now, Parish Church in Croydon as they had a shortfall in choir boys.

And we used to sing there as well. It was a thoroughly enjoyable time. My mother got married in Sumner Road; she didn't marry in St Saviour's because she lived in a different area. When I got married, we had to go to Norbury as my intended lived in another parish. I would have loved to have got married here, but that's the way it was.

I was born in the area, went to church in the area, went to school in the area, spent all my life in the area. It was like that then not like today, we stayed in one place.