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# THROUGH THE EYES OF THE OLD

*I often think about my parents (now deceased) and what they would have made of technology today. Whenever I observe the younger generation, they are at ease with technology. They are knowledgeable and ooze with confidence. Each button that they press, it's as if, magic happens.*

*For those of us who marvel at this technological feat, let us not be left behind but try to embrace the same confidence that others display.*

*This poem is dedicated to my own family and those of us from the older, but wise generation.*



## A JAMAICAN CHRISTMAS

by Marie E Williams



Him just going to look around.  
Far cry from his boyhood days,  
far from the norm.



Grandpa Jasper relaxing in his rocking chair  
Reminiscing about Christmas of yesteryear,  
When the Christmas card would come from  
foreign land,  
With the scenery of reindeer  
and winter wonderland.

ipad, iphone, Blackberry too  
Few books on the shelf,  
the kindle will have to do  
Him go round the food section,  
mouth open wide  
The meat dem already cook,  
no long hours by the fireside.



Drinking the ruby red sorrel, laced with rum  
It lifted his spirit when he was feeling glum  
Him smell the aroma from  
Judith Christmas cake  
And smile to himself,  
she think a-she one can bake.

At last Jodi sey she ready,  
so dem jump in di car.  
Heading for home, not too far.  
All of a sudden him hear a loud ring tone  
Jodi pull over and take out her phone.



Granddaughter Jodie tek him to town  
Him not buying nothing,  
Surrounded by technology in every form

'Hello cousin Mike,  
a how you sound so vex?'  
Grandpa tek the phone,  
'no bother worry yourself,  
In a few minutes time, I'll send you a text'.





## Services & Events December

### '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.

### December Services and Events

All Tuesday mornings in December  
7am-7.30am Morning Prayer

Tuesday mornings 6, 13, 20 December  
9.30am-11am Stay & Play parents and babies.

Tuesday evening 6 December  
7.30pm-9pm last 'Sing and Night Prayer'

All Wednesday mornings in December  
10am-10.45am Holy Communion Peaceful and Prayerful.

Saturday 3 December 2pm-4pm  
Rehearsal for Festive Christmas Concert.

Sunday 4 December 10am  
10am Advent 2 Holy Communion & Sunday school

We light the second candle of Advent and remember 'the prophets of old' May we also be found ready and watching.

11.45-12.30 Bring and Share lunch

12.30-2.30pm Guest led Advent Quiet afternoon in Vicarage.

Wednesday 7 December 6.30pm in the church hall

Co-op Candle memorial evening  
Members of Holy Saviour will read, sing and play music in an evening of remembrance that has a multi-faith tone.

Saturday 10 December 5.30pm  
Festive Christmas Concert followed by a party organised by the Social Events Team.



**Sunday 11 December 10am**  
**Advent 3 Holy Communion & Sunday school**

We light the third candle of Advent and remember the prophet John the Baptist 'a voice crying out in the wilderness' as witness to the truth of the Messiah the Christ to come.

**Friday 16 December 8pm**  
Choir practice for the Carol Concert.

**Sunday 18 December 10am**  
**Advent 4 Holy Communion Altogether Service**

We light the fourth candle of Advent and remember Mary, mother of Jesus. Though Mary was afraid, she responded to God's call with Joy.

Sunday school will perform a Nativity  
Our Young People's group meet in the choir room.

**Sunday 18 December 5pm**  
**Nine Lessons and Carols**  
Our Traditional Carol Concert  
*Mulled wine and mince pies afterwards*

**Tuesday 20 December**  
**6.30pm for 7pm-8pm**  
Come and join us to sing Carols around the wards of Croydon University Hospital formerly 'Mayday'.



Meet at the Church for prayers at 6.30pm to walk up to the hospital Chapel together.

**Thursday 22 December 5.30pm, for 6pm-7pm**  
Come and join us to sing Carols for the residents of Elmwood Care Home Elmwood Road. Meet at the Church for prayers at 5.30pm to walk up to the home together.

**Saturday 24 December Christmas Eve**  
**11.30pm Midnight Mass Silent Night, Holy Night.**



**Sunday 25 December Christmas Day**  
**10am**  
Holy Communion Family Friendly  
*Come dressed in your Christmas clothes.*

**Thursday 29 December**  
**9pm-10pm Compline, Night Prayer**  
Putting your mind at peace with Christ and a hot drink.



**Saturday 31 December 11.00pm**  
**New Years Eve Watch**  
with Taize singing and live broadcast of fireworks with a bit of bubbly!





Holy Saviour's have received a **donation of five hampers** and with your help, would like to fill them with nice Christmas treats, and offer them as a gift to five individuals / groups in our local community. We need your help. If you know of any

individuals / groups that would be blessed by this act of love, please let Rev Catherine, Christine or Lyn know.

## Christmas Hamper Blessing Give-away



We aim to **give the gifts out** in the week commencing **18<sup>th</sup> December.**

Many thanks, Mission and Communication Action Team.

## Children's Prayers



Father, when we are happy let us remember to share it with others.

Help us to do our best to make others happy too. Thank you that there are times when we just feel so good that we want to sing for joy. Amen.

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I am lonely Lord, I don't feel loved. There's noise around me, often there's a crowd. I stand in the middle of a crowd and look around, and I feel as though I'm standing there alone. Isn't there a human being who can take my loneliness away? Someone who can reach out and make me feel that I belong? I'm lonely, Lord, I need your love. I need the love you gave when you died for me. I need your love because it's always there, forever. Thank you, Lord God.



## Holy Saviour Church 2016 Christmas Fayre



Along with appetizing food, a lovely spread, prepared by the Sunday school & ladies of the church the activities from the men, the fayre was well attended and enjoyed by all. There were gorgeous goodies galore for your Christmas stockings, toys, handmade crafts, tombola prizes and 150<sup>th</sup> centenary celebration pencils, pens, and calendar.

Thanks to everyone and the Action team/s who organised the event.

*\* 150<sup>th</sup> Centenary celebration pencils, pens, calendars are still available for sale\**





Sunday Services 10am Holy Communion with Sunday School

Weekday Services Wednesday 10am Holy Communion

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# Rev's End

## December 2016

Hello Holy Savs!

Advent Prayer '*Maranatha. Our Lord Come* ': 1 Corinthians 16:22

All best wishes and prayers as we begin Advent, our new beginning of the church liturgical year, and look towards Christmas and New Year together. It is an emotional time.

We think of our relatives and friends, near and far, and also those no longer with us whom we have loved and still love. We will miss them.

**Maranatha is an Aramaic word that means 'the Lord is coming' or 'come, O Lord'**. It is the Advent Prayer for the season of expectation and preparation.

This is a Christian meditation that has been used for a very long time by the early monks. It is the 'mantra'

or repeated word Maranatha.

The word Maranatha is the final instruction of St. Paul's teachings to the Corinthians, and is St. John's final instruction in the Book of Revelations.

We often say it slightly differently:  
**Amen. Come Lord Jesus.**



All around us Christmas is already being celebrated. Carols are being sung and shops and homes are decorated and parties are held. Yet for us as Christians, Christmas does not begin until we celebrate Jesus Christ's birth at Midnight Mass. That Holy Night, which leads into Christmas day, when God comes amongst us and so it is especially a time of good will to all people.



Who or what will we be prepared to be or do? To forgive and forget; to reconcile; to welcome a stranger; to remember those who are hungry, cold and homeless; to spend time with those who are unwell, lonely or broken hearted.



As a Church, we will continue to support these charities this year: Y Care; United Society ; the Church Army; St Christopher's Hospice; the Leprosy Mission; Crisis; Christian Family Concern; Christian Aid; Barnabas Fund; Sickle Cell Society; and the Children's Society.

Just also to mention it is now two years since I began as Vicar at Holy Saviour. Such a lot is shaping up and happening and I would like to thank you all for your hard work and commitment to Holy Saviour and to the local area. This all stems from a deepening of hope and love and a developed faith in 'things to come'. I think special thanks need to go to our Chairs of Action Teams, that's Barbara Truttero (150<sup>th</sup>) Christine Babin (Mission & Communications),

Redva Williams (Building & Finance), Mitzi Isaacs (Pastoral), James Lewis (Social) and for all who attend the Faith Action Team.

Also a big thank you to Carole Young for editing the magazine, with help from Sheri Yusuf; and again to Sheri, Art Ho, Mariate Dominguez and Sue Maree for their work on the website.

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

*Rev Catherine*

