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Services January 2017

'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 Stay & Play:

9.30am-11am in the church, upstairs gallery.

Tuesday Night Prayer starts again on Tuesday 17 Jan that's 7.30pm

Every Wednesday Morning 10am :
Holy Communion Peaceful and Prayerful.

Sunday 8 Jan 10am
Holy Communion & Sunday school
Baptism of Christ on Epiphany
Jesus was baptised in the Jordan River and the Holy Spirit came as a dove

'this is my son with whom I am well pleased'.

Sunday 15 Jan 2017

Holy Communion and Sunday school
And Young people's group on the Bible & Social Media

Epiphany 2

Epiphany means the manifestation of Christ to the nations.

It's the time when the whole world realises that a Saviour has come for them.

Sunday 22 Jan

Holy Communion and Sunday school
Epiphany 3

We will have a guest, a former local man Mr Malcolm Davis, who will present his aunt's 1930s painting of Holy Saviour Church.

Sunday 29 Jan

Holy Communion and Sunday school
Candlemas

Christ is presented at the temple and two prophets recognise that He is indeed 'the light to enlighten all nations'.



Croydon Council, in collaboration with The Campaign Company, is running a pilot scheme known as the FairBnB.

This pilot involves identifying 10 hosts to take in families for up to 8 weeks from the period when they have just become homeless. Families range from a single parent with one child to a larger family with children.

The eight week period (normally actually six but eight is indicated to allow for slippage) is what is called the statutory assessment period when the council determines if families are eligible for housing. In those cases where families are deemed ineligible, they will not end up in the street but normally will be placed with family or will find accommodation back in the private sector. After the pilot, the council will evaluate how things went and look at longer term placements and working with different groups of homeless people.

The alternative for most families is placement in Bed and Breakfast accommodation, often a long way from Croydon; this has implications for commuting where families need to access facilities within the Croydon area. Sometimes the Bed and Breakfast they are allocated to will include other guests who might mistreat them either verbally or physically.

The families will be vetted to ensure that they present no known risk to hosts.

They will be much like your family or people you know, but they have fallen on hard times. For members of Holy Saviour congregation who would like advice on 'having strangers in your house,' that is, any basic dos and don'ts, there is a website that answers some basic questions on this. For example, hosts are advised not to allow guests to invite people around.

There will also be phone calls to hosts to talk through the placement and go into more detail about dos and don'ts. See fairbnb.org.uk or speak to

A Note from the Mission and Communication Action Team

Christine from the Mission and Communications Action Team if you would like to find out how to access more information.

Hosts will need to have a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check done. Please speak to Rev Catherine if you want to understand why this check might be required.

Legal and other responsibility of hosts:

The council will give notice to the guest when they start to live with a host, and the contractual arrangement/responsibility for the guest is with the council. The only legal responsibilities hosts have are the same as any landlord and there is a process of vetting and inspecting the property to ensure that these obligations are met. The relationship with the host is with FairBnB.

There is potential council tax implication if a householder is eligible for a single person discount but if the council is made aware of this, arrangements could be made to get a disregard for the host.

You or someone you know can provide a welcoming and safe environment. You can play a part in tackling Croydon's homelessness crisis. Hosts will be paid £20 a night for a double room (normally suitable for 2 people), so £140 a week or £1,120 if the placement lasts the full eight weeks (the aim is for it to last 6 weeks). Although it is called FairBnB, breakfast does not have to be provided (although one on the first morning would be a nice touch and humanise the experience). As of April 2016, hosts can earn up to £7500 a year tax free.

Hosts will also have an interesting experience, meeting someone they might not usually get to know and learning about their life.

Do you or someone you know want to play a part in making Croydon the kind of place it can be? If you or someone you know wants to be part of this innovative project, please contact Nadina Bedlow on: nadina.bedlow@southwark.anglican.org



My Christmas

by Avril Ward

This is about the **FESTIVE CHRISTMAS CONCERT - VINTAGE BAND & SINGING** evening that was on **SAT 10th DEC 20 16** at 5.30pm. There were quite a few people who came to Holy Saviours, Croydon which is 150th years old in the new year. As to me, I like Holy Saviour's Church because it has a lot of history to it and the other thing is it brings people together who you don't see regularly.

Hannah's Vintage Jazz Band Trio started the proceedings. There was a double bass, keyboard and a jazz singer, Hannah, who sung all sorts of songs. She had a very strong voice. They were linked to Christmas and ones in general. The congregation sung 'Mary's Boy Child' and 'Joy to the World'. It finished with a Holy Saviour Special by the Tuesday night choir who beautifully sang 'Stand By Me' accompanied by Carole on guitar.

After the concert we had a bit of a party. There were refreshments done by friends. There was all sorts there. I think everybody in the congregation enjoyed it.

It was a joyful evening and I would like to thank everybody who took part in it and arranged it. *****



St Mildred's



A few weeks ago, before we broke up from college, I went to St Mildred's as the learning difficulty students were getting their certificates. The Mayor helped hand them out. The music teacher taught them the song 'Easy' and other music as well. Also, I would like to thank the people who arranged it as there was a lot going on behind the scenes. I go back shortly to college to carry on with my music and enjoy the rest of the term.



My Italian Holiday That Finally Took Off...

by Cyril Titus



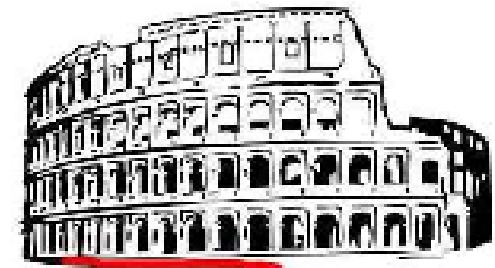
At the start of a new year, the media, travel companies, national airlines, shipping cruise liners and hotels inundate the public with a massive campaign to plan and take a holiday. Be it for a week, a fortnight, or a weekend break with tempting discounts. Some cruise shipping companies even offer you money to spend on board. I am never tempted, even though some deals are a real bargain. I am one of those that research the city, country, rate of exchange before going ahead to book the holiday. The local price of a cappuccino is my way of determining what the cost of living is in that particular country. If the country I intend visiting is on one of my wish lists then regardless of what I have said before about the cost of living, this is irrelevant.

There is a legend that says that if you toss a coin into the Trevi Fountain you will return to Rome, the Eternal City. I tossed a coin into the Trevi Fountain and forty three years later, Janet and I returned to Rome in mid-September 2016. If you believe in legends and folklore, then I am not going to stand in your way. Janet, who I

had not known 43 years ago, also visited Rome in 1973 and has never been back since. The reason I returned to Rome was to visit an Italian friend who worked at the British Library 15 years ago, and is now working at the Vatican Library. I had also wanted to return to Naples and this time visit Pompeii.

On 24th August, 79 A.D, Vesuvius erupted, burying the nearby town of Pompeii in ash and pumice, killing around 3,000 people, the rest of the population of 20,000 people having already fled, and preserving the city in its state from that fateful day. Pompeii is an excavation site and is considered to be one of the few sites where an ancient city has been preserved in detail. Everything from jars and tables, to paintings and people were frozen in time, yielding, together with the neighbouring town of Herculaneum which suffered the same fate. This is an unprecedented opportunity to see how the people lived two thousand years ago. Today the modern town of Pompeii, which is just a few hundred metres from the archaeological site, has a large population and visitors to the ancient town are good for local business. The visit to Pompeii took up most of the day, having left Naples by local train shortly after 9.00am and did not return till nearly 8.00pm.

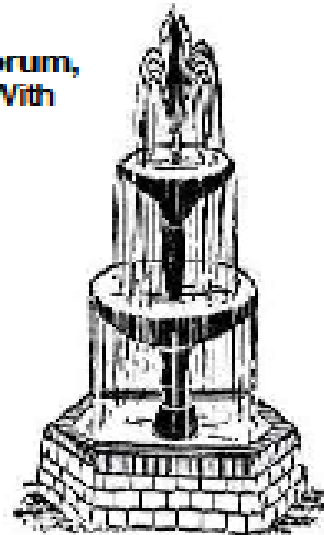
We spent the first five days of our holiday in



Rome and the remaining six days in Naples. In Naples, we took individual daytrips to Pompeii, the Island of Capri, Sorrento and Amalfi. Rome today is like one large historical theme park, with queues everywhere at all the famous Rome landmarks: the Colosseum, the Roman Forum, St Peter's Basilica, the Vatican Museum. With the exception of St Peter's, all other sites charge an entrance fee. Before entering St Peter's, all visitors are subjected to bag and body scanners. By far the longest queues were at the Vatican Museum but we were spared queueing on account of my Italian friend, Marta, who is a book and manuscript conservator at the Vatican Library.

We were given complimentary tickets for the Vatican Museum. Once inside the Museum, the queues formed. It was like following a funeral procession as we made our way to the Sistine Chapel.

Although the security guards regularly informed visitors that photography is not permitted in the Sistine Chapel, most visitors just take snapshots regardless, some are even so bold as to take selfies, as many did en route to the Chapel. On Leaving the Sistine Chapel, looking around the museum was much more pleasurable without being jostled. The visit to the museum took the best part of four hours. Some of



the windows of the museum's galleries overlooked the beautiful landscaped private gardens of the pope. The museum has its own gardens where one could take a break for a cuppa and a sandwich. A couple of days later at 4.00pm, me, Janet, a sculptor friend from Carrara and his partner were ushered through the very high security gates and we entered the Vatican Library. My friend Marta showed us the new Manuscript Reading room, soon to be opened to readers and researchers. If you watched on the BBC recently 'The wives of Henry VIII', in the first episode, you would have seen Lucy Worsley looking at some letters written by the King Henry to Anne Boleyn. Not all manuscripts are allowed to be read. Six hundred years later, some of Henry VIII's letters to the then pope still have a restriction order not to be shown to the public.

Our hotel in Rome was just outside the city, about four metro stops from the centre, but our hotel in Naples was within spitting distance from the mainline station. Naples is so different to Rome, where one can truly get a real taste of how Italians live. Of course, Neapolitans are a breed apart from Romans, much more excitable with less inhibitions. I certainly would not wait another 40 years before returning to Rome, especially having renewed my friendship with Marta and her family.

Sunday Services 10am Holy Communion with Sunday School
Weekday Services Wednesday 10am Holy Communion
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Rev's End

January 2017

Leviticus 25.13:

In this year of jubilee you shall return, every one of you, to your property.

Hello Holy Savs. This is a special year for this church. We turn 150 years old in June! It's such an important year! Just imagine, perhaps some of our Sunday school members will be organising the 200th anniversary, but for most of us, this is the biggest celebration of the church we will be part of in our life time!

As well as the 150th anniversary calendar, we can look forward to special merchandise such as mugs, pens, fridge magnets and T-shirts. There will be an exhibition of pictures from the past as well a new history of the church booklet.

We are also developing a 'friends of Holy Saviour' scheme.

On Mothering Sunday, 26th of March, we are getting in touch with people who were baptised here or married here in the past to come together for a special service where all will be re-blessed. We look forward to our Sunday school serving our cream tea again.

The Thanksgiving Garden will be made and opened by the Archdeacon of Croydon on 7th May. You will be given the opportunity to buy a 'thanksgiving' paving stone inscribed with thanks for, or in memory of, a loved one.



27th June - The Bishop of Croydon

will lead a celebration service to which past clergy will be invited and the Sunday school and young people will bury a time capsule. The very next week, on 18th June, is the church's birthday. Look forward to a special cake!

On our Family Fun Day on 15th July, we will release 150 balloons as well as some doves and we will have some live pigs to celebrate the fact that this church was built on pig farming land!

Finally, on 4th November we will light our church spire, have fireworks, and a children and young people's play.

It's your church and you will be a big part of it all so save these dates and make a special resolve not to be away.

With thanks to the 150th team and to you all.

Matthew 16.18:

And I tell you, you are Peter,* and on this rock* I will build my church.

God bless

Rev Catherine

