

Holy Saviour Church 150th Anniversary



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Holy Saviour Church, Croydon

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SUGGESTED DONATIONS 50p

Family Fun day

St Saviours Road
Croydon

CR0 2XF

Free entry

Activities from 50p and hot food from £2:00

SATURDAY 15TH JULY 12PM - 4PM

The Caribbean food stall

BBQ

Face painting

Bouncy slide

Raffle

Tombola

Old Fashioned fun races (egg and spoon, three legged, wheelbarrow)

The return of the Smoothie Bike

AND MORE!





July Services 2017

'We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church'

This line comes towards the end of our Creed, which we say together every week. 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 since then.

Every Tuesday:

7am-7.30pm Morning Prayer:

Start the day with God and He will give you peace throughout the day.

9.30am-11.00am (term time only) Stay & Play for babies and their parents.

7.30pm-8.30pm Tuesday Night Prayer.

Every Wednesday

10-10.45am Holy Communion

Peaceful and Prayerful

6pm-8pm: Church Open for personal prayer. Feel free to drop into the church for as long or as short as you wish, spend time in the calm of silence and stillness.

**** New** Every Thursday**

6pm Evening Prayer weekly and Bible Study on the last Thursday of the month.

Services:

Sunday 2 July 10am

Holy Communion & Sunday School & Anointing, Peter & Paul Apostles; *we learn about the two key founding people, now saints, of the church when it began.* Paul Parmenter is preaching.

Sunday 9 July 10am

Holy Communion & Sunday School Trinity 4
The Gospel will be Matthew 11 'Come to me, all that are weary'.

Sunday 16 July 10am

Holy Communion & Sunday School & Young people's group Trinity 5
The Gospel is Matthew 13 The Parable of the Sower.

Sunday 23 July 10am

Holy Communion & Sunday School Mary Magdalene; *we hear about this*

*biblical woman who has been called
'the apostle to the apostles'.
12 noon Pastoral Action Team
meeting.*

Sunday 30 July 10am
Holy Communion & Sunday School
Trinity 7
*The Gospel is Matthew 13 Three
Parables about the Kingdom of
Heaven. James Lewis is preaching.
12 noon Building & Finance meeting.*



Save the Date

**Save the date July17 events
are in normal text and the
church meetings are in italics.**

Thu 6 July 8pm Deanery Synod at
All Saints Church, Upper Norwood
and Commissioning by Bishop
Jonathan of the new Area Dean, and
it is our own Rev. Catherine!
Sun 9 July 2pm-5pm Interfaith Picnic
in Park Hill Park. All welcome to go
along.
Tue 11 July 7pm-9pm PCC at the
Vicarage.
Sat 15 July 150th Fun Day with
release of balloons, doves and pigs
grazing as well!

Thu 20 July 7pm St Christopher's
Hospice 50th Anniversary Service
held at Southwark Cathedral.

All welcome.

Sat 22 July 2pm **Wedding** of Cassie
& Matthew.

Sat 29 July 11am **Baptism Workshop**
Faith Action Team are welcome to
attend.

Sat 29 July 1pm **Baptism** of Aniya
Ayawakh.

Sun 6 August 12 noon Mission &
Communications Meeting.

Fri 11 August 12.30pm **Wedding** of
Tasha & Junior.

Sun 13 August 10am Service and
Marriage Blessing of James & Maria
Lewis.

Sun 20 August 12 noon **Baptism** of
Maddison Gee.

Sat 26 August Lunchtime Parish
Picnic, organised by the Social
Events Team.

Sun 3 September After the service,
**Bring & Share Lunch & new
proposed date of opening of
Thanksgiving Garden.**

Tue 5 September 6pm *Faith Action
Team Meeting.*

Sun 10 September 5pm-7.30pm
*Interfaith Forum Christian /
Muslim/Hindu at St James Road
Mosque.* All very welcome.

Tue 12 September 7pm-9pm PCC.

Sat 30 September 10am-12.30pm
Macmillan Big Coffee Morning in
the Holy Saviour church hall.

Twenty Something

The word **SCORE** is a noun or can also be used as a verb. Here are some examples:

- *They scored two goals early on in the game*
- *You scored full marks in the test - twenty out of twenty!*
- *She has certainly scored a success with her latest novel.*



The earliest description/meaning of the word **SCORE** was making a mark or an incision on a piece of wood or bone. Shepherds made marks, up to twenty, on bits of wood or bone as a way keeping a record of the number of sheep or other animals in their care. This method of making marks/incisions in wood was carried on through the middle ages and well into the 18th century. These bits of wood became known as tally sticks and can be found in

the National Archives and Records Offices all over the country. The word **TOTAL** is derived from **TALLY**. You still hear some of the older generation sometimes referring to 'keeping a tally'.

Tally sticks were used by Officials of the Exchequer as physical proof of payments to the King, functioning in the same way as a modern receipt. Made of hazel wood, the sticks contained notches denoting the amounts that had been paid. The notched sticks were split into two lengthwise, one half (the stock) being held by the Payer and the other half (the foil) was retained by the Exchequer.

My article is about the word **SCORE** when used as the number 20 as in Psalms 90:10, King James Bible:

*The days of our years are threescore years and ten;
and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years,
yet is their strength labour and sorrow;
for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.*

At the time of writing, I am still enjoying my last couple of weeks as a person of three score and ten, because on the 8th July I will be three score and eleven by **CYRIL TITUS born 8th July 1946**.

Getting to Know Us

I hope you enjoy this long awaited interview with Mitzi Isaacs by Carole Young

My name is Mitzi Isaacs, formerly Sealey, and I am 69. I was born in Guyana and spent the first 14 years, my formative years there. I grew up in quite a large, extended family. Lots of aunts, great aunts, uncles and great uncles from both sides of the family. The village brought up the children not just the parents.

My childhood was happy and free in our small rural community. Lots of space, bright sunshine, friends and family to play with and no tv. We had radio with batteries that ran out when you were listening to something. It was the 1950s that felt more like the 1940s, it was lovely. As children, you had to show respect, you never called your elders by their first name they were aunties, uncles, Mr, Mrs, cousin, or by some other title.

I attended nursery from the age of three and then a Methodist church school. School was fun. Classrooms were very large, like a hall not separate rooms, divided by screens. The screens were the black boards. When you were naughty, if you didn't do the work or didn't learn as you were expected to, you got the cane.

I loved to read. I read magazines that were sent from London, old ones of course. I read Dickens. By the time I was



aged 12, I'd read David Copperfield. You had to learn certain poems and read your bible. You impressed the family by reciting the psalms and poems. Life as a child was good, really good.

One of the poems that even now pops into my head and I wonder where did that come from, is Tennyson the Psalm of Life 'Tell me not, in mournful numbers'...

I am the eldest of eight children, five girls and three boys, two of whom were born here [in the UK]. My father came first, in the early sixties (1961) and my mum, myself and a younger brother and sister came in 1962. What a shock. I said to my dad, 'If I could walk and find my way back, I'm going home'. We came in October. It was so cold, it was so dark and the

weather, so miserable. It was a traumatic experience. I had to go to school, of course, an all girls' school. Eventually, I met one English girl who was generous to a fault. Her name was Josephine. Although we spoke English, I didn't comprehend the London accent. They seemed to speak so fast that I struggled to understand what the other girls were saying. Josephine took me under her wing, explained things and showed me all round Clapham Junction. That was my introduction to London.

At school, I found that what I'd learnt in Guyana, the basic 3 Rs (reading, writing and arithmetic), was advanced compared to here, which gave me an advantage in a way. So aged 15, I was able to do the London Secondary School Certificate and at 16 I took the GCE O level exams along with typewriting that I so enjoyed. I stayed at school until I was 18. I didn't know what I wanted to do. A lot of young women who were nurses came to our house and talked about their experiences and I thought, uh uh, I'm not going there. No nursing.

When I left secondary school, I went to a further education college for a year. I continued my shorthand and typing and then got a job in advertising. The advertising agency was in Edgware Road, at the time, such a lively, interesting environment. They made adverts from PG Tips to British Gas. Wherever they met you on the stairs or in the lift, it was 'How are you?' It was really, really nice.

I had a break when I had my eldest son, Stephen, and then went back to work when he was two. I worked until he was nearly 5, then I had another child, Raymond. I gave up work and stayed at home. Two years later I had Benjamin. Three boys. I always wanted a girl. I'd almost given up then two years later, Anya arrived. My advertising experience



was wonderful and I loved it. However, I realised that I could not work 9-5pm with four small children so I had to think again, what could I do? One of my sisters was working in a care home and she said to me that they need staff. I knew I could only work part-time in the evenings. I went and met a lovely lady, she was Anglo-Indian, very nice, very welcoming and she offered me part-time work in the evenings. I thought, I don't know if I can do this but I need to, I needed the money. I did that for about two years for Hammersmith Council. I got on well with everybody. Then one day she said, 'I have something to ask you. Would

you like to work more hours?' I said, 'I have small children so I can only work part-time'. She said that her husband worked for Wandsworth Council and he was looking for a Night Supervisor for one of the care homes in Battersea. She said she would get him to call me. He called and offered me a job as a Night Supervisor; I was responsible for 2 care assistants and about 48 beds for older people. That opened the door and I started my journey in the care sector.

I was there from about 1982 – 1984 and then Wandsworth Council decided to sell that home so I moved to another care home in Roehampton. I was working from 10pm - 8am in the mornings so that I was at home in the day for the children. In the evenings, our dining room table was classroom continuation. Everybody had homework to do so no tv. Homework first, while I was cooking and doing 101 different things in preparation for working that night. I did that for 10 years.

When my daughter started secondary school, I studied Social Care Access Course at college. I just had to do something with my days. I did some other little courses as well and eventually in 1990, I applied to do a Certificate of Qualification in Social Work (CQSW). It was two years of training

to become a social worker. I changed from nights to days and became Assistant Care Manager in the home. Shortly after qualifying as a social worker, I was promoted to Care Manager for another larger home. I think it had 90 beds and staff who were not easy. It was a struggle but I managed it. In 1996, Wandsworth Council decided to sell that home to the private sector and I moved to another home. Then I got a call from the buyer who said he needed an Operations Manager. I applied and got the job. I had 3 care homes, 3 day centres to manage, along with the managers and staff who had been working for Wandsworth for 10 years or more and had been counting on their redundancy packages which were not forthcoming because of the sale. The budgets for each of the care homes meant that 90% was spent on salaries and the homes were losing money. The battle between the staff went on for about three years. Eventually, that company sold us on to another company. Same battle ensued until agreement was reached and some of the staff who kept fighting eventually left.

I stuck at it until I retired aged 60. I spent a few months at home thinking I can't do this and then went back to work, full-time as an Operations Manager for Crossroads in Croydon. After 2 years, I left then got my current job as a Sheltered Scheme Manager, working 30 hours a week instead of 37. I'm still doing that 6 years later. Not retiring quite yet.

I moved to Croydon in 1984, my eldest son was still in a Battersea school and the younger children went to Elmwood School, Croydon. My older son was christened and my husband kept nagging to get the younger children christened however we could not afford it with such a big family. The children attended cubs and guides and I started taking them to Sunday school at Holy Saviour Church. The

kids were confirmed and baptised and I was also confirmed. Gradually, I got involved more. I was in the Mothers' Union and did many other roles. Two years after I became Churchwarden, the minister, Roger Harley, said he was leaving. We had an interregnum (an interval between the periods of office of two Vicars). As Churchwarden, I was responsible for the interviewing of the new minister who was appointed. Our church was in dire straits due to the various forces at work. Then the Bishop left. I did a theology course in 2000 then became SPA after attending the two-year SPA course.



My husband took ill and sadly died in November 2012. I didn't think I could go on the trip to Israel that I had planned for us the following year. In February 2013, I decided that I needed to go so we went along with our minister at the time & his family, the new Bishop and several other ministers.

That minister has since retired and now we've got Reverend Catherine and she's proved to be just what we needed. Before Reverend Catherine, the church was stagnant. Reverend Catherine has done a remarkable job of turning things around and the church is working very well at the moment. I believe everything happens at the right time.

I'm still responsible for Pastoral care; Elmwood Care Home is our focus at the moment. Server, Sidesperson, Communion or Chalice Assistant and more recently, Deacon. I will do whatever is needed. I'm just happy to fill in the gaps.

This interview was done on the 29 Nov 16



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

July 2017

Hello Holy Sav's

Holy Saviour is part of a 'Deanery', that is an area called 'Croydon North'. It comprises 12 churches and the parishes around them.

Each church or parish of course has its own Vicar and some have assistant Priests too. Each has its own set of Churchwardens, Treasurer and PCC. During the year, representatives of all the churches come together at Deanery meetings to discuss plans and interesting issues that affect all the churches. Each church sends their Priests to those meetings, they are called Deanery Synods, along with two church members, who are called Deanery Representatives. **Holy Saviour's Deanery Representatives are Beverley McCooke and James Lewis.**

Our two Deanery Representatives report back to PCC regularly.



The 12 Churches in Croydon North Deanery are probably very familiar to you, here is the list:

- Croydon: Holy Saviour
- Norbury: St Oswald
- Norbury: St Philip
- Norbury & Thornton Heath: St Stephen
- South Norwood: Holy Innocents
- South Norwood: St Alban
- South Norwood: St Mark
- Thornton Heath: St Jude with St Aidan
- Thornton Heath: St Paul
- Upper Norwood: All Saints with St Margaret
- Upper Norwood: St John
- Woodside: St Luke.

When Deaneries work well, each church distinctively remains itself. The bottom line is that a deanery that is working well by biblical and theological standards is a place where:

- ✧ we can see abundant grace in operation
- ✧ even the strong recognise their weakness and dependence on others
- ✧ we encounter and learn to love and value the 'other'
- ✧ and where we are invited to look together beyond ourselves in mission to reach out to those seeking faith and those seeking justice in the community.



way Parishes give monies to the Diocese, (and the amount), has changed recently.

It's part of what should be 'an empowerment ladder'. You can make suggestions during the year, such as for change and development, to our PCC. The PCC will debate suggestions and ask our Representatives to take them to Deanery Synod, which in turn can take those suggestions to the Diocesan Synod and then eventually to the General Synod. The General Synod is the National Church Governing Body.

So you see, it shouldn't be 'top down' but 'grass roots' (that's you!) up.

We have recently been involved with the 'Rubbish Project' which was run by the Deanery. The Deanery also talks about changes that are being made. For example, soon young people will be allowed to administer Holy Communion (i.e. give out the bread and wine), and the

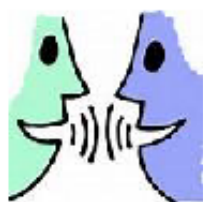
Our Deanery Representatives are asked to go to all the Deanery meetings, but you are always welcome to come as well



The Diocesan website says this about the Croydon North Deanery,

'While the area covered by the

Deanery is not generally very wealthy, it is rich and varied in its mix of people. Being on the northern outskirts of the enormous shopping and business centre of Croydon, it falls between the inner-city and suburbia - an urban deanery perhaps!



**You can make
Suggestions
too**

**I will be commissioned as
Area Dean by Bishop Jonathan
at the next Deanery Synod
at 8pm on Thursday 6th July 2017
at All Saints Upper Norwood,
Beulah Hill, SE19 3LS.**

Hoping that many Holy Sav's will turn
up to support!

Every blessing for July

Rev. Catherine

Anyway, as was announced on the
11th of June, your very own Vicar has
been appointed by Bishop
Christopher as the next Area Dean for
Croydon North.

This is an overseeing role, shaping the
direction and policies of this Deanery,
caring for the clergy as well as
churches in their interregnums and
helping the Archdeacons and Bishops
with staff appointments and strategy.

I will of course still be Vicar here as my
main role, and I hope this new
appointment will be an accolade
to Holy Saviour Church!

