

# MONTHLY PARISH MAGAZINE JUNE 2017

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**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**



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# June 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.

### **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 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> June  
Tuesday Night Prayer 'walk and pray'.  
We gather outside the church.

### **Every Wednesday:**

10am-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.

### **Every Thursday:**

6.30pm-7pm Evening Prayer (there will also be Bible study on the last Thursday of the month, 6pm in the church upper gallery).

### **\*\* \*New\*\* every Thursday:**

6pm Evening Prayer and Bible Study on last Thursday of the month. 15 June is Corpus Christi.

## **June Services**

Sunday 4 June 10am

Pentecost - the coming of the Holy Spirit. Holy Communion & Sunday School & Anointing.

Please wear a red outfit and bring 'fruits of the world' for refreshments, with baptism of Willow Akinwande (baby daughter of Seun and Klara).

Sunday 11 June 10am

Holy Communion,

All Together Service,

150th Celebration Service

with Rt Rev Jonathan Clark,  
Bishop of Croydon.

Sunday School and

Young people to bury time capsule.

**Sunday 18 June 10am**

**150th Dedication Service**

Holy Communion, Sunday School & Young People's Group. James Lewis to preach.

11.45am Happy Birthday Holy Saviour with Bring & Share lunch & talk about the history of the area by Raymond Wheeler. Special cake by Kathryn.

**Sunday 25 June**

Holy Communion & Sunday School  
Trinity 2, Birth of John the Baptist.



## Save the Date

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

**Saturday 3 June 3.30pm-5pm**

Communion Assistants, Servers, Readers, Intercessors, Choir recap workshop.

**Sunday 4 June 12 noon**

Mission & Communications Action Team meeting.

**Saturday 10 June**

Croydon Area Lay Conference at Redhill.  
If you are a leader at Holy Saviour, this is for you!

**Sunday 25 June**

12 noon Building & Finance meeting.

**Wednesday 28 June**

Mission & Communications Team with guests from the area and all interested.  
*Consultation on starting an Advocacy Café at Holy Saviour for those stuck in local temporary housing.*

## Save the Date in July

**Thursday 6 July 8pm**

Deanery Synod at All Saints Upper Norwood. Talk by author, Dave Tomlinson on Enchanted Mission.

**Tuesday 11 July 7pm-9pm**

PCC at the Vicarage.

**Saturday 15 July**

150<sup>th</sup> Fun Day, with release of balloons, doves and pigs grazing, as well!







## Bible Study at Holy Saviour Church

You are welcome to study the Bible at Holy Saviour Church.

***Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Write them on the door frames of your houses and on your gates.***

**Deuteronomy 11:18-20**

## Emergency Numbers

1. When In Sorrow.....call John 14
2. When you have sinned.....call Psalm 51
3. When you worry.....call Matthew 6:19-34
4. When you are in danger.....call Psalm 91
5. When your faith needs stirring.....call Hebrews 11
6. When you feel down and out.....call Romans 8:31
7. When you want peace and rest.....call Matthew 11:25-30
8. When the world seems bigger than God.....call Psalm 90
9. If your pockets are empty.....call Psalm 37
10. When you are lonely and fearful.....call Psalm 23
11. When you grow bitter and critical.....call 1 Corinthians 13
12. For how to get along with other men.....call Romans 12
13. If you are depressed.....call Psalm 27
14. If people seem unkind.....call John 15

Bible Study at Holy Saviour Church will be held at

Time: **6pm - 7pm**

Where: **Upper Gallery** at Holy Saviour Church

When: **Last Thursday of the month**, May to November 2017.

*We have a few spare bibles but do bring one if you can.*

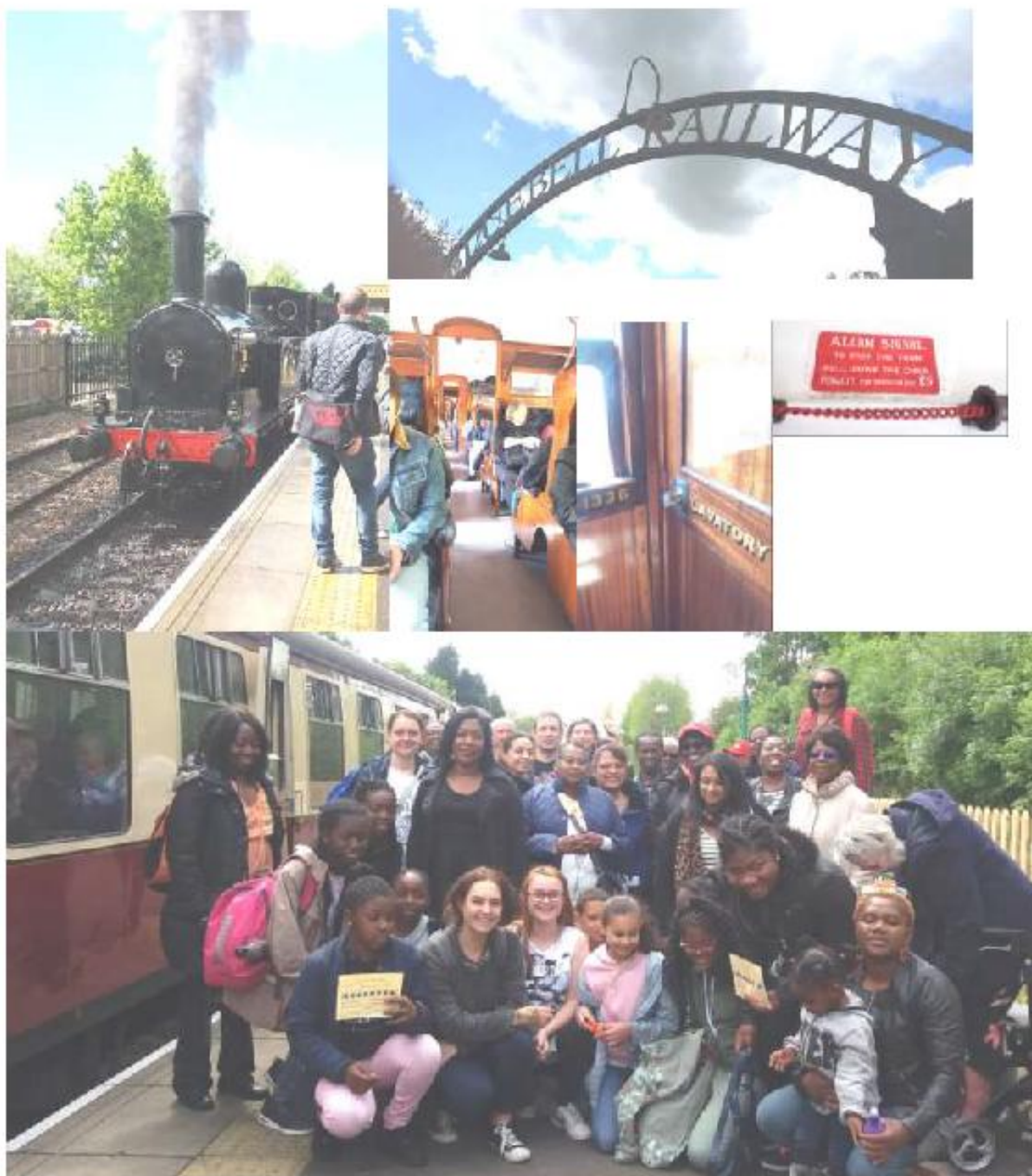


# Bluebell Railway

**Holy Saviour  
Church Trip  
20 May 2017**







**Holy Saviour Bi-Annual Church Trip**     Around 35 of us met at East Croydon Train Station. In under an hour, we were settling down on a lovely steam engine heading to the Bluebell Railway Museum, without a hitch. Alighting, we were free to explore, have a pub lunch, tea & cake in the cafe, take a peek in the couple of shops that sold souvenirs and toys, or experience the museum and train yard which housed lots of amazing, old trains. It was a relaxing, happy church day out! Big thank you to Kat and Sheri for organising it.

## Holy Saviour Church 150<sup>th</sup> Exhibition



**The Holy Saviour Church, Croydon 150<sup>th</sup> Exhibition** opened on Sunday 7th May 2017. The Archdeacon of Croydon, the Venerable Christopher Skilton, presided and preached at the service and afterwards the whole congregation was invited upstairs to the upper gallery where Archdeacon Skilton formally announced that the exhibition was open.

Many thanks go to our Holy Saviour 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Celebration Team, especially its chair, Barbara Truttero plus Michael Williamson, Marie Williams, Redva Williams, Fereshteh Khalkhali and Rev. Catherine.

**The exhibition includes pictures, books and objects ranging from 1867 to the present day.**

The exhibition will remain on show for the rest of this year.

*Bless Rev C. Rev. Catherine Tucker, Vicar, Holy Saviour Church.*





*Happy birthday,  
Holy Saviour!*

*I am Nancy and have been attending Holy Saviour Church while living in Croydon, from March 2016. I'm back and forth from Ghana in Africa, now, I am here again.*

*I've always found Holy Saviour Church a warm place to commune with God.*

*Rev. Catherine is amazing in welcoming and saying goodbye to*

*everyone. I've found a home of worshippers who are serious with God and helpful.*

*The opening of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary exhibition was great along with the inauguration of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary by Archdeacon Christopher Skilton.*

*May God continue to bless and keep Holy Saviour Church in Jesus' name.*

***Nancy***  
*Member of Holy Saviour.*

# Getting to Know Us

*Interview by Carole Young*

**My name is Avril Ward**, I am 75. I was born in Epsom. My mum and dad brought me up the best they could. I was a church-goer when I was living with my parents. The church was only down the road. My dad believed in Sunday School. I didn't go much because I was in hospital a lot. I had very bad bent knees. My knees were not straight and they had to do something to straighten them out otherwise I wouldn't have walked at all. In my twenties, they took the tendons out of my knees. It worked for me.

My mother did not want me to get married as she feared I would not be able to cope. I met my husband at the Garwood Club. Actually, the first meeting was on a day out to the seaside on a coach. We got

married in 1967, a registry office marriage because we could not afford the church fee.

We didn't want any children because we didn't know if they

would be the same as us and also because it would have been too much for me. Wilf, my husband, was disabled in a wheelchair, as well. Wilf was very knowledgeable up here (Avril taps her head). He became



the Phab Club Centre Manager. We lived near Spurgeon's Bridge then we moved here near the cemetery. There were squatters at first and the council had to get them out before we moved in. Wilf passed about 30 years ago. While the paperwork was sorted out, I moved to Garwood House. I stayed there for 2/3 weeks. I could not read at the time. I came home again afterwards. The Garwood sisters built the hostel (Garwood House) for the Spastic Society.



It was the sisters' pride and joy and the Phab Centre (club) as well.

**The Spastic Society, renamed Scope about 20 years ago, introduced an education policy for disabled children.**

I attended the Eldon Phab Centre for over 45 years. While there I got language therapy and also learnt to read. The Eldon Phab is still running to this day.

I attend  
**Holy Saviour Church, Croydon.**  
My mum and dad died some time ago and friends of mine recently. I miss them. I would like to have a stone for my parents, Elsie and Cyril Cuverwell, in the Holy Saviour church memorial garden and possibly for my friends.



# ASCENSION DAY SERVICE

By Marie Williams

As a child growing up in Jamaica, I remember this verse vividly –

***‘And He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father’. Mark 16-19, Rom 8.34.***

In those days, we were warned both by the preacher and fellow Christians that God is in heaven watching us and if we were naughty we would not go to heaven and join him. Naturally, with child-like innocence we behaved on Ascension Day knowing that he was watching us with intensity.

Fortunately, since then we have managed to develop a greater understanding of the true meaning of Ascension – 40 days after Jesus’ resurrection. On Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May, James Lewis (Reader) urged us as Christians to open our minds and examine ourselves as individuals and to look deeply at what is going on inside our hearts and minds.

He spoke avidly about Repentance and rather than putting limitations on ourselves, we should begin to not just think outside of the box, but think beyond the box. Our long time thoughts should be replaced by seeing things in a new way.

Humbling ourselves is paramount if we are to follow God’s teachings. We were further encouraged to look at our relationship with others and if loving our neighbours as ourselves was just an act and a means by which we could build up our own defences then such an act would be totally wrong.

Our aim as Christians is to grow our minds so that we can understand God more and avoid a build-up of internal negativity towards others. The good news that ascension offers, is that it enables us to act on our faith. Bearing in mind, that we are all loved by God and as we grow in





love we should be assured that this love is not just restricted to the privileged, but it is also intended for those on the margins and who may be considered vulnerable.

For us as Christians, Ascension is a way of understanding the scriptures in greater depth rather than subscribing to the concept that it is based on mythology (as some religions believe).

**Our Sunday School released balloons with messages of Love, Hope and a Belief that we serve a risen God.**

We have no idea of where these balloons landed, but wherever they landed we feel assured that the message is strong and relevant and will impact on someone's life in a meaningful way.







# NEW HOME FURNITURE BANK

Croydon Churches have recently set up a furniture bank called **New Home Furniture Bank**.

**New Home Furniture Bank** is a very practical way of providing unwanted furniture to families in need whilst at the same time saving perfectly good items from landfill sites, recycling and re-using.

**New Home Furniture Bank** accepts donations of unwanted items of furniture that are in reasonably good condition and donates these, free of charge, to people in need.

For more information about the **New Home Furniture Bank** feel free to email **New Home Furniture Bank** Project Leader, Donna Harrison at [Donna.Harrison@croydon-jubilee.co.uk](mailto:Donna.Harrison@croydon-jubilee.co.uk).







## St Christopher's Hospice 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service

As part of St Christopher's Hospice's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations, there will be a service at **Southwark Cathedral on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 7pm.**

**St Christopher's** welcomes people in the local communities to be part of the congregation, especially as many of them will have sought care from the hospice for a family member or a friend.

If you would like tickets (one or two for each applicant) send a **stamped, self-addressed envelope**, with a note of the number of tickets you wish to have to the address below, first come first served.



**StChristopher's**  
More than just a hospice

Southwark 50 Service, St Christopher's Hospice  
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Sunday Services 10am Holy Communion with Sunday School

Weekday Services Wednesday 10am Holy Communion

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# Rev's End

**June 2017**

**Happy 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
Holy Saviour!**

The prayer we say out loud and together every week (and sometimes sing), at the end of the service, sums up everything we strive for. It's actually an anonymous text (piece) that is usually called the **Prayer of Saint Francis** or **Peace Prayer** or **Simple Prayer for Peace** or even **Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace**.

It is a widely known Christian prayer for peace often associated with the 13<sup>th</sup> century Italian saint, Francis of Assisi. Its current form comes from France, early 20<sup>th</sup> century.



The prayer of St. Francis begins in the name of peace and that is perhaps why it has survived to this day and why it is recited by so many of us. The human heart is a never-ending search for peace. If humanity's 'humanity' is to mean anything, it begins with peace. Peace is to love. Peace is also to pardon and to have faith which implies, to trust.

**It's a prayer that asks God to make us a part of the solution and not part of the problem.**



In the prayer of St. Francis we have a deeply moving dynamic where ‘**question**’ and ‘**answer**’ are **co-present** and also the remedy or instruction to the question.

**It’s a prayer that adjusts disorder within and without.**

The prayer consoles, reassures and embraces all at once. There is no delay in compassion. The remedies of love, pardoning, hope, faith, light and joy are instantly provided as soon as the question and the answer are complete.

**It’s a prayer that can be understood as a devotion.**



God loves us where we are—with our frailty, weaknesses and insecurities. This is the meaning of his encounter with the God of compassionate love.



This prayer is not a flight from the world toward a transcendent God; rather it centres on the mystical body of Christ and our participation in this mystery. God took on our flesh that **we might discover his eternal face in ourselves.**

The Prayer channels us into the depths of the mystery of Christ where the fullness of our humanity and peace lies.

This **beautiful prayer of St. Francis** might be considered the prayer to a prayer of the soul. An echo of a greater prayer that continues above our consciousness. What the words of that greater recital may be, only as souls shall we come to know.

*Lord, make 'Holy Saviour Church' an instrument of your peace...*

*Where there is hatred,  
let us 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 we  
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.*

**In recognition of everyone at  
Holy Saviour who has laboured  
so hard as we accompany each  
other, soul to soul to soul, past,  
present and future.**

*God Bless*  
Rev. Catherine



# *Holy Saviour Church, Croydon Hall Hire*

**Malkhi (pictured right),  
local Croydon resident,  
hired the hall for his  
child's birthday party.**

The hall is available for hire.  
Hall hire rates are  
for one-off hires as well as  
contract or continuous hire.

There is a contract to sign that  
outlines the terms and  
conditions such as setting up  
times, cleaning, maximum  
number of guests, deposit,  
curator fees (if applicable) and  
payment arrangements.



The hall hire includes the use of  
the hall, kitchen and toilets.

Rates include:

Commercial groups £50 per hour

Charity groups £30 per hour

Party or Reception £25 per hour

Worship groups £22.50 per hour

Member of Congregation £10 p/h

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