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Home Communion

This is Ron Thurgood, faithful and well-loved presence in our choir every Sunday. You can see him here at his home having just returned from a spell in hospital. He rang me to ask if I would come and give him communion in his own home.

Did you know? If you, or someone you know, is unable to come to church, they are welcome to have Home Communion.

You can see that a mini-holy communion set is brought to the house and 'reserved sacrament' is used, that's the bread wafers and wine that have been consecrated, 'made holy', at the main Sunday Service. So the person receiving the bread and wine at home becomes an extended part of our church

...one of the 'body of Christ' with us.

Before receiving the bread and the wine we pray for the home we are in and then continue with a mini-service including a reading and some prayers.

Do contact me, Rev Catherine or our Lay ministers, James Lewis and Mitzi Isaacs, if you want to request Home Communion for yourself or someone you know.



March 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.

March Services: Lent begins.

As Lent starts, the church is kept as simple as possible, bare of flowers and decoration. The Gloria music is not used.

This atmosphere helps us, in this more serious part of the church year, to come to a time of study, self-examination, preparation and times of fasting.

Many of us will choose to 'give up' something or 'do something new'

A change in our habits is a change in our souls.

Every Tuesday

7am-7.30pm. Morning Prayer in

Lent. Start the day with God &

He will give you peace

throughout the day.

9.30am-11.00am Stay and Play for babies and their parents.

Tuesdays: 7 March, 14 March, 21 March and 28 March

Lent Course with film 7.30pm to 9.00pm at the Vicarage

Watch, think, feel and discuss your faith.

Every Wednesday

10am-10.45am Holy Communion

in Lent: Peaceful and Prayerful

Early afternoon and evening: 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.

Wednesday 1 March Ash Wednesday

10am and 8pm Services

Ashes are an ancient sign of humility and our foreheads are marked with the sign of the cross in ashes
Lent begins here for 40 days.

Sunday 5 March Lent 1

10am-11.30am Holy Communion with Anointing & Sunday School

Learning Lent 1: *The body and worship.*
Today we will focus on why we make the sign of the cross.

Sunday 12 March Lent 2

10am-11.30am Holy Communion
& Sunday School

Learning Lent 2: The body and worship.
Today we will focus on why we stand, sit and kneel.

Sunday 19 March Lent 3

10am-11.30am Holy Communion
& Sunday School

Plus Young People's Group
Learning Lent 3: The body and worship. Today we will focus on why we bow
Reader James Lewis will preach.

Sunday 26 March Lent 4

Mothering Sunday

10am-11.30am **All Together Service**
Holy Communion with **Special 150th Year Blessing** for all those married or baptised (Christened) at this church in the past.

Learning Lent 4: The body and worship.
Today we will focus on what a blessing does. Our Sunday School will serve a Traditional Cream Tea.



Save the Date

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

March 2017 Save the Date:

Sunday 5 March 11.45am Standing Committee, 12 noon Building and Finance Action Team meeting

Sunday 12 March 12 noon 150th Action Team meeting

Tuesday 14 March 7pm-9pm PCC at the Vicarage

Wednesday 15 March 7pm-8pm Social Events Team meeting

Saturday 25 March 11am-1pm CMEAC meeting.

Saturday 1 April 12 noon Baptism of Mary Fennemore

Sunday 2 April 10am Lent 5 Holy Communion & Anointing

Sunday 2 April 12 noon Mission & Communications Action Team meeting

Sunday 9 April 10am Palm Sunday with donkey

Sunday 9 April 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

Thursday 13 April 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.*

Friday 14 April Holy Week

Good Friday

10am Stations of the Cross and

Children's Workshop,

2.30pm Veneration of the Cross

Saturday 15 April 10am-11am Rehearsal for servers, choir and churchwardens

Sunday 16 April Easter Day

7am Service of First Light followed by breakfast ** new time

10am Easter Day Holy Communion Service.



HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH REVIEW

EXCERPT FROM

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 17TH JANUARY 2017 AT THE VICARAGE

Discussions by Parochial Church Council (PCC) members at the meeting identified events and other **things that went well in 2016** and areas for development **looking ahead in 2017** from each Action Team as set out below:

ACTION TEAM	THINGS THAT WENT WELL	THINGS THAT NEED DEVELOPMENT
Faith Action Team	All Together services; Mothering Sunday; Traditional Carol service; Young people's group; Saturday workshops for baptism; Good numbers at Advent and Lent courses; New service booklets; Good sterling sermons; All the Christmas services especially nativity; James Lewis, as our own Holy Saviour Licensed Reader.	Better integration of Young People and Sunday School with the church; Increase the number in the choir and servers; Adjustment of sound system so choir and servers behind altar can hear; Ensure people keep reading to the end page of the new service booklets.

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Building & Finance Action Team	Hall flooring and painting; Community payback gardeners; New cooker; Increased income from hall hire; Nursery – Kids Paradise.	Cost of utilities; Management of hall; Review hourly rate of hall hire; Health and Safety management; First aid; Hall hire clashes with other events; Review damage to floor.
Social Events Team	Social Events Team formed this year and going well. Successful Macmillan Coffee Morning well organised by Christine B; Exceptional Fun Day; Good numbers at Harvest supper and good entertainment; Very good Christmas Fayre.	Broaden Social Events Team to include newer people to church; More leaflets and posters advertising events to the community; No cancellation of outings; Cost planning; Storage of left-over food items.
150th Action Team	150 th calendar; 150 th merchandise; Good team work and chairing from Barbara; Planning of Thanksgiving Garden.	Create more buzz to communicate future events; Merchandise to be on sale regularly.
Pastoral Action Team	Link with Elmwood Care Home; Intercessions prayer book and link in service; Baptisms within church service; Increase in funeral services; Good pastoral activity within church congregation.	A good number in team but to achieve what we want, need more volunteers for this team; Include Sunday school in baptisms within church service; Weekly unwell list – explore how to take people off.

ACTION TEAM	THINGS THAT WENT WELL	THINGS THAT NEED DEVELOPMENT
Mission & Communication Action Team	Improved magazine, thanks to Carole; New website and Facebook, with thanks to Sheri, Art and Mariate; Improved coverage of Holy Saviour in Bridge and Croydon Advertiser; Food hampers and Food Bank.	Improve outside notice boards; Events at Holy Saviour in the Bridge; Get information into schools; Use press more for advertising parish events.
Diocese	Holy Saviour making a good contribution to the diocese. Rev Catherine on Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) and Interfaith; Mitzi on Committee for Minority Ethnic Anglican Concerns (CMEAC); Kathryn and Doreen (Children and Young People's group); Barbara (Parish Support Fund)	PCC to consider attending Lay conference in Redhill in June. More feedback to PCC.
Deanery	Holy Saviour has had major involvement in organising, coordinating and planning the 'rubbish' meetings in the deanery. Two new deanery representatives: Beverley and James.	To consider holding deanery confirmation at Holy Saviour.
Reputation in community	Improved reputation and support from local shops, funeral directors and Elmwood schools.	Increase this and especially more schools.

Overall, the atmosphere at Holy Saviour is welcoming and friendly. Prayer and anointing is positive and gives a feeling of inclusiveness.

The PCC expressed that the repairing/renewing of outside Notice boards is a priority.



Christine

Kathryn

Miriam

Beverley

Barbara

Doreen

Lilian



Ingrid

Pearl

Constance

Lyn

Avril



Reader James

Revd Catherine

SPA Mitzi

Churchwardens Redva & Michael (photo shy!)

THE MEMBERS OF THE PCC



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

March 2017

Your Vicar has been out and about!

In the last few weeks, we've read a series of Gospel readings about giving *our hearts and lives to God and neighbour*. In particular, from the Sermon on the Mount, in Matthew's Gospel, we have heard teaching from Jesus as he instructs his disciples (and so us) on building personal and inward characteristics in ourselves so that we can bring about 'righteousness', or in other words, *justice, in the world around us*.



Elmwood Junior School



Croydon Town Hall

On Thursday 26th January, I was delighted to be invited to attend the occasion of the annual Commemoration of 'the supreme sacrifice made by Lt George A Knowland VC' in World War 2. He was a former pupil of Elmwood School and the occasion was in association with The Royal British Legion. Most moving was the presentation of the current 'George Knowland Certificate of Merit' to two of the current school attenders, not awarded on intellectual merit but on character.

Meeting with Leader of the Council, Councillor Newman on 9 February. Continuing on our efforts to improve Fly Tipping and Litter issues in our area. I attended Croydon Town Hall with members from other churches and schools in the area with community concerns. The meeting was set up for us by James Asfa of Croydon Citizens who has been working with our Croydon North Deanery Churches. Councillor Newman was very gracious indeed (as well as having a good sense of humour) and really listened to us with huge respect. He will take steps on two of our suggestions to help decrease Fly Tipping.

At South Norwood Mosque.

On Thursday 2nd February, many of the priests of Croydon North Deanery visited South Norwood Mosque.

We were hosted by the Imam of that Mosque and several of their committee.

The occasion was **hugely hospitable**: we were offered lunch, given a tour of the Mosque building and then given a presentation of a personal view of one member of the committee of how Islam and Christianity have collaborated for the good in the past and what we have in common rather than focussing on the sometimes distorted impressions we receive from the media. It is envisaged that there will be return invitations for them to visit our churches.

God is a God of justice and, simply put, justice means that He will always seek to make anything that's wrong right.

God bless

Rev Catherine

