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September 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 Wednesday 10am-10.45am - Holy Communion Service Peaceful and Prayerful, we spend a long time in intercessory prayer.

Sunday 4th Sept 10am Holy Communion and Sunday School
We celebrate the **Blessed Virgin Mary** - mother of Jesus and example of humility and obedience to God's will. Guest preacher will be Despina Francois, the woman who is to lead our young people's group, she is a Reader at Holy Trinity and St Augustine Forest Hill.

Saturday 10 September 12noon - 1.30pm Diocesan Servers' AGM and Holy Communion Service

Support our Servers (the ones who wear white and serve at the altar every Sunday!) and our choir who will be joined in turn by all the servers in the area for a beautiful service.

Sunday 11 September 10am Holy Communion and Sunday School
We celebrate Holy Cross Day. The cross of Christ is both Christ on the Cross in suffering and a joyful empty cross as He is risen.

Sunday 18 September 10am Holy Communion and Sunday School Plus our Young People's group
We celebrate Matthew, the Gospel writer, and have a family baptism of Khaiell and Shiquarn. Our young people will be 'talking soaps' with bible reading.

Sunday 25 September 10am Holy Communion and Sunday School
18th Sunday after Trinity
The gospel is Luke 16: 19-end which is about the rich man and Lazarus.



Save the Date

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

Sunday 4 September 12noon Bring and Share Lunch and Walk around the Parish - organised by the Mission and Communications Action Team

Thursday 8 September 8.30am-10am Rubbish Working Breakfast with Councillors, Veolia, Local residents and the Deanery Churches - in the church hall.

Sunday 11 September 12noon - Pastoral Action Team meeting in the choir room

Tuesday 13 September 7pm - PCC at Vicarage

Friday 16 September 6.30pm - Faith Action Team meeting in choir room

Saturday 17 September 1pm Wedding of Karen and Alpheus

Sunday 25 September 12noon Building and Finance meeting in choir room.

Saturday 1st October Macmillan Coffee Morning in the church hall

Sunday 2nd October 12noon Mission Action Team meeting in choir room

Tuesday 4th October 7pm-9.15pm New Style Tuesday evenings - **sing and night prayer starts** every Tuesday up until the Christmas concert

Sunday 9 October 10am Harvest Service - Altogether, Sunday School to do sermon!

Sunday 9 October 12noon 150th Action Team meeting in choir room

Saturday 15 October 7pm Harvest Supper in the church hall.

Sunday 23 October *Note we hope to be licensing James Lewis as our Reader in this Parish, tbc. due to formalities!*



Holy Saviour Church, Croydon

New: Young People's Group 13yrs-19rs

Third Sunday of the month in term time

Bibles will be provided

Start 10am for an hour in the choir room

Joining the main church for Communion.

Led by Despina Francois

2016

Sunday 18 Sept – Talking soaps

Sunday 16 Oct – The Theology of games

Sunday 20 Nov – A short film

Sunday 18 Dec – Why do we celebrate Christmas?

2017

Sunday Jan 15 – Social Media – What would Jesus do?

(Would He use Twitter or be on Facebook?)

Sunday Feb 19 – Does contemporary music have a positive message?

Sunday March 19 – Why Lent?

Sunday May 21 – Is it good to be competitive in sport?

Sunday June 18 – A topical subject – Trolling/bullying

Sunday July 16 – Finding God in Art (a visit to a gallery)



Holy Saviour's Church

by Marie E Williams

Fun



Dancing to Candy Picture by Carole Young

The **fine weather** conditions on the morning of **Saturday 16th July**, was a positive indication that our Fun Day would indeed be a successful one. Our own church members, friends and other **well-wishers within the community** turned out by joining together to make the day memorable.

Stalls buzzed with a range of attractions including succulent Caribbean cuisine, sumptuous burgers and **mouth-watering jerk chicken and pork**. If you favoured savouring a bit of the traditional then a soothing cup of tea or coffee served with a variety of cakes was also an option.

The **smoothie bike** where one could engage in a quick workout and at the

same time **produce a healthy cup of smoothie** could not be overlooked.

The fact that there were **no age restrictions** to this activity meant that it was people friendly and all could actively participate.

If you fancied **going down memory lane** a bit, then the **good 'ole' popcorn stand** enabled you to make your own popcorn, bringing on that feeling of **sheer delight and nostalgia**. Our younger generation had the pleasure of climbing on to the **bouncy slide** excitedly and repeatedly.

As the day progressed more and more people visited and some of us were able to engage and **reminisce with friends** we had lost touch with.

Music permeated throughout the day and for those who were confident at moving to the beat, they gave us a well choreographed rendition of ‘**Candy**’ by Cameo, the soul-influenced funk group. The faint-hearted looked on with sheer envy and delight.

The evening culminated with Indian dancing. These **young aspiring professional dancers** demonstrated rhythms filled with accuracy and

precision. These were themed dances and movements with strong messages of **hope, love and working together (unity)**. This performance was filled with awe and wonder.

A **well-supported Fun Day** like this would not have been possible without the work and dedication of the planning committee and of course God’s intervention. We look forward to future successful events like this.

A Child's eye view from A Bucket of Surprises, J. John & Mark Stibbe, Monarch Books.

The little boy was attending his first wedding. After the service, his cousin asked him, 'how marry?' 'Sixteen,' the amazed that he had an know that?' 'Easy,' the do is add it up, like the worse, 4 richer, 4 poorer'.



many men can a woman boy responded. His cousin was answer so quickly. 'How do you little boy said. 'All you have to Bishop said: 4 better, 4

A Sunday School teacher asked her class to draw a picture of their favourite Old Testament story, and as she moved around the class, she saw there were being done, Then she had drawn an old back seat were two apparently in their lovely picture,' said story does it tell?'. at the question. 'Doesn't it say in the Bible that God drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden?'



many wonderful drawings came across Johnny, who man driving a car. In the passengers, both birthday suits. 'It's a the teacher, 'but which Johnny seemed surprised



Pictures Carole Young & Rev C.
Words by Rev Catherine.

Art & Mariate's Wedding

God brought together this lovely couple at 2pm on 20th August 2016, a wonderful mixture of British- Canadian-Chinese & British-Spanish!

At the end of the wedding, champagne and refreshments were served, all overseen by Christ the King sculpture, at the back of church.

In their first moments as husband and wife they got on the iconic London bus, outside the church, which took the guests to the reception.

We're so grateful to this talented pair who have helped us get our new website going and we wish them every blessing as they move forward in married life.





Sunday Services 10am Holy Communion with Sunday School
Weekday Services Wednesday 10am Holy Communion

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Rev's End

September 2016

Hello Holy Savs!

"... the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself *restore*, support, strengthen, and establish you" 1 Peter 5.10

The long awaited works to restore our church hall floor have begun! This has been a long process from discussion to actuality by the Building & Finance Team and our PCC.

The restoration of our Church Hall Floor

The orange linoleum was laid down in the hall at the time of the 're-ordering' in 1999 when the division of the back third of the church from the south porch to the west door with narthex and tower was created into what was then called a 'community facility', we know it as the 'church hall'.

The previous church hall having been on the site of the now Vicarage (but it was sadly burnt down in a fire).

The upper gallery was also created at that time. In 2014 parts of the orange lino had to be removed (for complex reasons which I won't go into!) and the initial idea was simply to re-lay some new orange lino – BUT – when we saw the lovely old floor boards and tiles that were revealed a suggestion that we restore the hall floor to its original state, particularly as a lot of the orange lino had become very faded.

'Salt is good; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be *restored*?' Luke 14.34:

Our Archdeacon and Architect were consulted and in January 2015 the idea had taken off the **PCC passed a resolution in support of the works** to be funded by the kind legacy

given by Fr John Worsfold, a past priest at Holy Saviour. A 'faculty' (church planning permission) had to be applied for and we were delighted when on **19 July 2016 the faculty was granted by the Chancellor of Southwark Diocese.**

The works have been carried out by Fine Wooden Flooring Ltd - you can see their picture!

The restoration will increase the beauty of our church and restore our history to us (and increase the hall's rental value!). Thanks must go to our Building and Finance Team. Perhaps we can reflect on how God restores us too:



You who have made me see many troubles and calamities will revive me again; from the depths of the earth you will bring me up again. Psalm 71:20

For those who have been through difficult times, we are reminded that God will use these down times to shape us and will restore us, because this is His nature. In fact, nothing you have been through will go to waste. And... God uses each one of us in His restoration of each other and how we need each other as members of the Body of Christ.

Peace now Rev Catherine

After more than a year of outrage at the state of our streets...

**HOLY SAVIOUR ARE HOSTING....
'RUBBISH' WORKING BREAKFAST
8.30AM -10AM THURSDAY 8TH SEPTMEBER
IN THE CHURCH HALL
Residents (that's you!), Council, Contractor**

A VERY KEY MEETING ABOUT RUBBISH!

OTHERWISE KNOWN AS:

'CROYDON NORTH DEANERY LITTER & FLYTIPPING CAMPAIGN'

***CO-HOSTED WITH JAMES ASFA OF CROYDON CITIZENS,
LINDA WATSON OF THORNTON HEATH COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM
JAMES AUDSLEY – COUNCILLOR FOR BENSHAM MANOR WARD***

The Leader of Croydon Council, Tony Newman, will be attending as well as Regional Manager of Veolia – the company contracted by the council to collect our rubbish

Residents, council members and Veolia staff will sit around several tables for a guided discussion focussing on:

- **Acknowledgement that the state of litter and fly-tipping is a CRISIS**
- **Piloting a new way of collecting of bulky waste items and ensuring a simple and effective way of contacting the Council**
 - **Piloting a new way of preventing fly-tipping**
 - **Accountability for waste for landlords**
 - **Promoting Street Champions**



CHURCH AND COMMUNITY WORKING TOGETHER