

## NOTICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Today	10am Holy Communion & Sunday School & Young people's Group With baptism of Khaiell & Shiquarn Preacher Paul Parmenter
Tues 19 Sept	1.30 Funeral of Derek Jolly at Hither Green
Weds 21 Sept	10am Holy Communion peaceful & prayerful
Fri 23 Sept	8pm Choir Practice – all welcome
Sat 24 Sept	10am-11am Parish Office – for booking baptisms, Weddings, funerals and hall hire
Sun 25 Sept	10am Holy Communion & Sunday School 18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Trinity 12noon Building & Finance committee

### THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

The call of God is not just for a select few but for everyone. Whether

I hear God's call or not depends on the condition of my ears, and exactly what I hear depends upon my spiritual attitude.

Oswald Chambers

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## HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH – CROYDON

### MATTHEW THE APOSTLE

18<sup>th</sup> September 2016

#### HYMN 1- 107 The Lord is King

#### COLLECT FOR THE DAY

O Almighty God,  
whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax collector to be an apostle and evangelist: give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain and the possessive love of riches that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING – INGRID

##### *Proverbs 3:3-18*

- <sup>13</sup> Happy are those who find wisdom,  
and those who get understanding,  
<sup>14</sup> for her income is better than silver,  
and her revenue better than gold.  
<sup>15</sup> She is more precious than jewels,  
and nothing you desire can compare with her.  
<sup>16</sup> Long life is in her right hand;  
in her left hand are riches and honour.  
<sup>17</sup> Her ways are ways of pleasantness,  
and all her paths are peace.  
<sup>18</sup> She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her;  
those who hold her fast are called happy.

#### PSALM FOR THE DAY – 22: 23-28

Bonitatem fecisti

O LORD thou hast dealt graciously with thy servant : according unto thy word.  
66 O learn me true understanding and knowledge : for I have believed thy commandments.  
67 Before I was troubled, I went wrong : but now have I kept thy word.  
68 Thou art good and gracious : O teach me thy statutes.  
69 The proud have imagined a lie against me : but I will keep thy commandments with my whole heart.  
70 Their heart is as fat as brawn : but my delight hath been in thy law.  
71 It is good for me that I have been in trouble : that I may learn thy statutes.  
72 The law of thy mouth is dearer unto me : than thousands of gold and silver.

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.***

***Amen***

**NEW TESTAMENT READING – Marie**

**2 Corinthians 4:1-6**

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup>We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. <sup>3</sup>And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup>For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

**Hymn 2: 240 Teach me my God and King**

**GOSPEL READING**

**Matthew 9:9-13**

<sup>9</sup> As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him. <sup>10</sup> And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. <sup>11</sup> When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' <sup>12</sup> But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup> Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

**INTERCESSIONS – Marie**

**We Pray Especially This Week For:**  
*For the Presidential elections in USA*  
*For the continuing Brexit process*  
*For those who face eviction from their homes*  
*For those with long term illnesses*  
*For the Ethel Miller on the loss of her husband*

**We Pray for those Unwell in Body, Mind or Spirit**

*Vanessa, Raymond, Elaine Dey , Margaret Bundy, Bill (Lilian's brother), Daniel Walters, Cheryl Thompson, Girish, Samantha, Denise Mendez, Coleen,*

*Danielle, Alexander, Rod, Christine C, Nicole, Tessa Carter, Ina, Tony, Jenny PrenticeRon Thurgood, Avril Ward, Beauty, Noel Scarlett, Clifton and Irene Myton, Walter, Eric, Geraldine Attwood, Enid Robinson, Agatha Evans, Jane Matthews, Ethel Miller, Marshall, Vivaldo, Tamik Pile-Gray, and all those known to us*

*We pray for the soul of Ann Elizabeth Stanley RIP and the family who mourn*

**We Give Thanks and Praise For:**

*Those going to university this term*  
*Our children and grandchildren good exam results*  
*Those who have found a new job*  
*For the fruit and Veg grown in our gardens*  
*Those who bring flowers to the church*

**Offertory Hymn – 356 Father Lord of all Creation**

**The Hymns during Communion are**

**249 Take my life and let it be**  
**HHS 12 To Him we come**



**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Almighty God,  
who called your servant Matthew to witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**The Prayer of St Francis of Assisi**

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,  
Where there is hatred, let me 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 I 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.

**Hymn 6**

**239 Forth in thy name O Lord I go**