

NOTICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Today	10am – Advent Sunday - Holy Communion and Sunday School Baptism of baby Vanessa and also brothers Ryan & Elvis
Tues 29 Nov	9.30am-11am Play & Stay parents and babies in the choir room – with Kathryn 7.30pm-9pm ‘Thank God it’s Tuesday’ new style Sing&nightprayer service in Church
Weds 30 Nov	10am-10.45 Holy Communion peaceful & prayerful –
Fri 2 Dec	8.30am-3.30pm Community Payback Gardeners 2pm meeting re Gilroy Court at Vicarage 8pm Choir Practice – all welcome
Sat 3 Dec	10am-11am Parish Office for baptisms (Christenings), Weddings and all bookings
Sun 4 Dec	10am – Advent Two - Holy Communion and Sunday School 11.45-12.20 Bring and Share lunch in Church Hall 12.30-2.30pm Advent Quiet afternoon - a mini advent course with contemplation...find some peace and stillness before the Christmas rush

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

“You keep us waiting. You, the God of all time, Want us to wait. For the right time in which to discover Who we are, where we are to go, Who will be with us, and what we must do. So thank you ... for the waiting time.”

John Bell, quoted in The Westminster Collection of Christian Prayers, compiled by Dorothy M. Stewart

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HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH CROYDON

**Advent Sunday
27th November 2016**

HYMN 1: 24 – Hark a thrilling voice COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
.Amen

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Ingrid Isaiah 2: 1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

² In days to come the mountain of the Lord’s house shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

³ Many peoples shall come and say,
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.”
For out of Zion shall go forth

instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. ⁴ He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. ⁵ O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord

PSALM FOR THE DAY Psalm 122– 1-9 Laetatus sum

I was glad when they said unto me :
We will go into the house of the Lord.
2 Our feet shall stand in thy gates : O Jerusalem.
3 Jerusalem is built as a city : that is at unity in itself.
4 For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord : to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord.
5 For there is the seat of judgement : even the seat of the house of David.
6 O pray for the peace of Jerusalem : they shall prosper that love thee.
7 Peace be within thy walls : and plenteousness within thy palaces.
8 For my brethren and companions' sakes : I will wish thee prosperity.
9 Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God : I will seek to do thee good.

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 –
Murnell- Romans 13: 11-14**

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; ¹³ let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Hymn 2: 25 – The Advent of our King

GOSPEL READING - Matthew 24:36-44

³⁶ “But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark,

³⁹ and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man.

⁴⁰ Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left.

⁴¹ Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴² Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into.

⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

INTERCESSIONS - Christine

We Pray Especially This Week For:

The responsibilities of those who drive public transport

The families of the Croydon tram incident

That new technologies are used for good

The future of the USA's role with the rest of the world

A feeling of peace amid Christmas preparations

We Pray for those Unwell in Body, Mind or Spirit, Alison Scott visiting her family in Barbados, Lyn's daughter Claudine, Bridget Alvin, Bianca (to be born in January) Ina Parkinson, Lyn Jackson, Margaret, Terry Crowther, Vanessa, Raymond, Elaine Dey, Margaret Bundy, Daniel Walters, Cheryl Thompson, Girish, Simon and Samantha, Coleen, Danielle, Rod, Christine C, Nicole, Tessa Carter, Ina, Tony, Jenny Prentice, Ron Thurgood, Avril Ward, Noel Scarlett, Clifton and Irene Myton, Eric, Geraldine Attwood, Enid Robinson, Agatha Evans, Jane Matthews, Ethel Miller, Marshall, Marie Williams and her extended family and all those known to us

We Give Thanks and Praise For:

For the safe return of Shirley & Tom from India

For the inspiring role models of Andy and Jamie Murray

The work at Centrepoint for the young homeless

The work of the Samaritans helping those in despair

Lyn Edwards Christmas hampers and Efua, Constance and Christine who decorated them.

All who worked to make the lead up to Christmas fayre happen

PEACE

Offertory Hymn: 26 – O Come, O Come Emmanuel

The Hymns during Communion are **150 – Ye servants of the Lord**
31 – Come thou long expected Jesus

Post Communion Prayer

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen

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 : 28 – Lo He comes with
clouds descending**