

## NOTICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

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| Today      | <b>10am</b> – Advent Two - Holy Communion and Sunday School<br><b>11.45-12.20</b> Bring and Share lunch in Church Hall<br><b>12.30-2.30pm</b> Advent Quiet afternoon - a mini advent course with contemplation...find some peace and stillness  |
| Tues 6 Dec | <b>9.30am-11am</b> Play & Stay parents and babies in the choir room with Kathryn<br><b>7.30pm-9pm</b> 'Thank God it's Tuesday' new style Sing&nightprayer service in Church   |
| Weds 7 Dec | <b>10am-10.45</b> Holy Communion peaceful & prayerful –   |
| Fri 9 Dec  | <b>8.30am-3.30pm</b> Community Payback Gardeners<br><b>8pm</b> Choir Practice – all welcome   |
| Sat 10 Dec | <b>10am-11am</b> Parish Office for baptisms (Christenings), Weddings and all bookings<br><b>11am</b> Capt. Terry Drummond to be ordained distinctive deacon St Philips Norbury Beechwood Road<br><b>5.30pm-6.30pm</b> Vintage Band plus for Christmas Concert - please come dressed 20's. 30's 40's style!!<br>followed by refreshments and party in the Hall organised by Social Events Team |
| Sun 11 Dec | <b>10am</b> – Advent 3 - Holy Communion and Sunday School   |

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### THOUGHT FOR TODAY

*"I wanted to figure out why I was so busy, but I couldn't find the time to do it."*  
— **Todd Stocker**

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## HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH CROYDON

### Second Sunday of Advent

**4<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

#### **HYMN 1: 142 – Hail to the Lord's anointed**

#### **COLLECT FOR THE DAY**

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

**Amen**

#### **OLD TESTAMENT READING – Lilian**

#### **Isaiah 11: 1-10**

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. <sup>2</sup> The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. <sup>3</sup> His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; <sup>4</sup> but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. <sup>5</sup> Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. <sup>6</sup> The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.

<sup>7</sup> The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup> The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. <sup>9</sup> They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. <sup>10</sup> On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

#### **PSALM FOR THE DAY Psalm 72– 1-7**

#### **Laetatus sum**

#### **Deus, iudicium**

Give the King thy judgements, O God : and thy righteousness unto the King's son.  
<sup>2</sup> Then shall he judge thy people according unto right : and defend the poor.  
<sup>3</sup> The mountains also shall bring peace : and the little hills righteousness unto the people.  
<sup>4</sup> He shall keep the simple folk by their right : defend the children of the poor, and punish the wrong-doer.  
<sup>5</sup> They shall fear thee, as long as the sun and moon endureth : from one generation to another.  
<sup>6</sup> He shall come down like the rain into a fleece of wool : even as the drops that water the earth.  
<sup>7</sup> In his time shall the righteous flourish : yea, and abundance of peace, so long as the moon endureth.

**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 – James-Romans 15: 4-13**

<sup>4</sup> For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup> May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup> Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. <sup>8</sup> For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup> and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, “Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name”; <sup>10</sup> and again he says, “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”; <sup>11</sup> and again, “Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him”; <sup>12</sup> and again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.” <sup>13</sup> May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Hymn 2: 27 – On Jordan’s bank**

**GOSPEL READING - Matthew 3:1-12**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, <sup>2</sup> “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” <sup>3</sup> This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’”

<sup>4</sup> Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey.

<sup>5</sup> Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, <sup>6</sup> and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>7</sup> But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup> Bear fruit worthy of repentance. <sup>9</sup> Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>10</sup> Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>11</sup> “I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with <sup>12</sup> the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

**INTERCESSIONS - Barbara**

**We Pray Especially This Week For:**

For new born baby-girl Willow and new parents Seun and Klara

For those who find cold weather difficult

For calm amid the pre-Christmas build up  
Those affected by the Brazilian club football aeroplane crash - for the souls of those who died and for the survivors  
For the man shot at on the Brigstock Road now fighting for his life in CUH  
For Geoffrey, robbed at knife point on St Saviour's Road on Monday night  
For the soul of Fidel Castro - the late president of Cuba

**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, and all those known to us*

**We Give Thanks and Praise For:**

The healing quality of the Psalms  
Beautiful sharp winter sunshine  
Christmas lights on the streets  
Christmas displays in shop windows  
The hard work of Carole Young on our 150th Calendar

**PEACE and HOLY ANOINTING**

**Offertory Hymn: 29 – The Lord will come and not be slow**

**The Hymns during Communion are 166 – Lord Thy word abideth 30 – Hark the glad sound**

**Post Communion Prayer**

Father in heaven,  
who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; 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 : 470 – Hills of the North**