

## NOTICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Today	<b>10am – Advent 3</b> - Holy Communion and Sunday School School
Tues 13 Dec	<b>9.30am-11am</b> Play & Stay parents and babies in the choir room with Kathryn
Weds 14 Dec	<b>10am-10.45</b> Holy Communion peaceful & prayerful –
Fri 16 Dec	<b>8.30am-3.30pm</b> Community Payback Gardeners <b>8pm</b> Choir Practice for the Carol Service – all singers welcome
Sat 17 Dec	<b>10am-11am</b> Parish Office for baptisms (Christenings), Weddings and all bookings
Sun 18 Dec	<b>10am-11:30 – Advent 4</b> - Nativity presented by our young people 5pm – <b>Traditional 9 Lessons and Carols</b> – come and sing all your favourite carols with mulled wine and refreshments afterwards

### THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

*“He who sings scares away his woes.”*

— **Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra**

*“And all meet in singing, which braids together the different knowings into a wide and subtle music, the music of living.”*

— **Alison Croggon, The Naming**



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## HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH CROYDON

### Third Sunday of Advent

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

#### HYMN 1: 31 – Come Thou long expected

#### COLLECT FOR THE DAY

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING – Sheri

##### Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus <sup>2</sup> it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. <sup>3</sup> Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. <sup>4</sup> Say to those who are of a fearful heart, “Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.” <sup>5</sup> Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; <sup>6</sup> then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; <sup>7</sup> the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. <sup>8</sup> A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. <sup>9</sup> No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. <sup>10</sup> And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

#### Psalm 146-vv 4-10

4 Blessed is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help : and whose hope is in the Lord his God;  
5 Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that therein is : who keepeth his promise for ever;  
6 Who helpeth them to right that suffer wrong : who feedeth the hungry.  
7 The Lord looseth men out of prison : the Lord giveth sight to the blind.  
8 The Lord helpeth them that are fallen : the Lord careth for the righteous.

9 The Lord careth for the strangers, he defendeth the fatherless and widow : as for the way of the ungodly, he turneth it upside down.

10 The Lord thy God, O Sion, shall be King for evermore : and throughout all generations.

***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 – Sue-  
James 5:7-10**

<sup>7</sup> Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup> You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.

<sup>9</sup> Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors!

<sup>10</sup> As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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

**GOSPEL READING - Matthew 11:2-11**

<sup>2</sup> When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup> and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?”

<sup>4</sup> Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup> the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. <sup>6</sup> And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.” <sup>7</sup> As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup> What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces.

<sup>9</sup> What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup> This is the one about whom it is written, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’

<sup>11</sup> Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

**INTERCESSIONS – Percival**

***We Pray Especially This Week For:***

Those affected by the earthquakes in Indonesia and the Solomon Islands  
For all involved in the Southern Rail dispute  
For those we will miss this Christmas

A non-commercial focus to Christmas  
People in this area without homes this winter  
For peace and goodwill on our local streets

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

*Tara (Redva’s niece) 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:***

Delicious food and cooking  
Young people getting new jobs  
Beautiful church music in Advent and Christmas  
The Advent Quiet afternoon  
Tracey’s singing at the Candle Evening this week  
Those working in shops and on public transport at this time of year

**PEACE**

**Offertory Hymn: 125 – O for a thousand songs to sing**

**The Hymns during Communion are 52 – The people that in darkness sat  
People Look East - Choir**

**Post Communion Prayer**

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;  
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit  
that when your Christ comes again  
we may shine as lights before his face;  
who is alive and reigns now and for ever.  
**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 : 484 – Long ago, prophets knew**