

NOTICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

- Today **10am-11:30 – Advent 4** - Nativity presented by our young people
5pm – Traditional 9 Lessons and Carols – come and sing all your favourite carols with mulled wine and refreshments afterwards. Bring a friend or neighbour or the whole family.
- Tues 20 Dec **9.30am-11am** Play & Stay parents and babies in the choir room with Kathryn
11:30am – Funeral of John Johnson † RIP
7pm-8pm Join us to sing carols around the wards of CUH - meet at church for pre-prayers **6.30pm** and walk up to the chapel together
- Weds 21 Dec **10am-10.45** Holy Communion peaceful & prayerful –
Thurs 22 Dec **6pm-7pm** Join us to sing carols at Elmwood Care Home - meet at church for pre-prayers at **5.30pm** and walk up to the home together
- Fri 23 Dec **8.30am-3.30pm** Community Payback Gardeners
There will be no choir practice on either the 23rd or 30th December
- Sat 24 Dec **10am-11am** Parish Office for baptisms (Christenings), Weddings and all bookings
11:30pm Midnight Mass – the first service of Christmas
- Sun 25 Dec **10am-11:30 – Christmas Day** Family Friendly Service – wear your Christmas jumpers, and children bring your favourite present.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Everything comes to he who waits

—Anon



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HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH CROYDON

Fourth Sunday of Advent

18th December 2016

HYMN 1: 360 – For Mary Mother of our God

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Michael Isaiah 7:10-16

¹⁰ Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying,
¹¹ Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. ¹² But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. ¹³ Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵ He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶ For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

Canticle – The Magnificat

My soul doth magnify the Lord :
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded : the lowliness of his hand-maiden.
For behold, from henceforth : all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me :
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him :
throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm :
he hath scattered the proud, in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat :
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things :
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel :
as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed, for ever.

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-
Romans 1:1-7**

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God,² which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures,³ the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh⁴ and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord,⁵ through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name,⁶ including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,⁷ To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Hymn 2: 28 – Lo He comes

GOSPEL READING - Matthew 1:18-25

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly.

²⁰ But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²² All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:
²³ "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,"
which means, "God is with us."
²⁴ When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife,²⁵ but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

**The Nativity enacted by our Sunday
School and young people**

INTERCESSIONS – Marie/ young people

We Pray Especially This Week For:

Those affected by train and postal strikes: workers, managers and the general public

The situation continuing in Aleppo

Those whose job situations are unstable
Mourning and missing loved ones at this time of year

Tianna who has just turned 10 years old

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

*Lyn's daughter Claudine, Baby Willow,
Ronald Winley , Bridget Alvin, Bianca (to
be born in January) Julie Baxter, 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 pray for the souls of:

Sandra Grant † RIP

John Johnson † RIP

We Give Thanks and Praise For:

*The fellowship of giving and receiving
Christmas cards*

Our health and strength

*The streets and pavements clear of
leaves*

The mild winter weather this week

*The lovely Christmas Concert and social
last week*

PEACE

**Offertory Hymn: 26 – O Come, O
Come Emmanuel**

**There will be quiet reflective music
during communion today.**

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your
holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
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 : 422 – Tell out my soul