

## NOTICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Today	<b>10am-11:30 – Christmas Day</b> Family Friendly Service
Weds 28 Dec	<b>10am-10.45</b> Holy Communion peaceful & prayerful
Thurs 29 Dec	<b>9pm</b> Compline and Cocoa
Sat 31 Dec	<b>11pm</b> New Year's Eve Watch Service
Sun 1 Jan	<b>10am-11:30 – Naming and Circumcision of Jesus</b> Archdeacon Christopher Skilton presiding and preaching

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### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*Take the Christ out of Christmas and all you get is M&S*

—Anon



***Have a Blessed and Peaceful Christmas and a  
Happy and Healthy 2017***

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## HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH CROYDON

**Christmas Day  
25<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

**HYMN 1: 34 -O Come all ye faithful**

### **COLLECT FOR THE DAY**

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin:  
grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING – Efua Isaiah 52:7-10**

<sup>7</sup> How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of the messenger who  
announces peace,  
who brings good news,  
who announces salvation,  
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."  
<sup>8</sup> Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,  
together they sing for joy;  
for in plain sight they see  
the return of the Lord to Zion.  
<sup>9</sup> Break forth together into singing,  
you ruins of Jerusalem;  
for the Lord has comforted his people,  
he has redeemed Jerusalem.  
<sup>10</sup> The Lord has bared his holy arm  
before the eyes of all the nations;  
and all the ends of the earth shall see  
the salvation of our God.

***Psalm 98 vv 1-10***

### ***Cantate Domino***

O sing unto the Lord a new song : for he hath done marvellous things.  
2 With his own right hand, and with his holy arm : hath he gotten himself the victory.  
3 The Lord declared his salvation : his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.  
4 He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel : and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.  
5 Shew yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands : sing, rejoice, and give thanks.  
6 Praise the Lord upon the harp : sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.  
7 With trumpets also and shawms : O shew yourselves joyful before the Lord the King.  
8 Let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is: the round world, and they that dwell therein.  
9 Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the Lord : for he is come to judge the earth.  
10 With righteousness shall he judge the world : and the people with equity.

***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 – Elana - Hebrews 1:1-4**

1 Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, <sup>2</sup> but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. <sup>3</sup> He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup> having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

**Hymn 2: HHS 46 – Silent Night**

**GOSPEL READING – John 1:1-14**

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup> in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup> The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

<sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

**Sermon – James Lewis**

**INTERCESSIONS – Christine Babin**

**We Pray Especially This Week:**

That people of all faiths and none may find the true meaning of Christmas  
For the families of those who died in the Croydon tram incident as they face Christmas

For those still affected by train and postal strikes: workers, managers and general public

For all those involved in the Berlin Christmas Fair incident

For those working at this time to maintain security for this nation

For Syria and especially Aleppo

For environmental issues with respect to Alaska

For those we know who are having a troubled time this Christmas

For the family and friends of John Johnson

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

*Bradley, Lyn's daughter Claudine, Baby Willow, Ronald Windley, 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 soul of:**

*Jean Sturgis † RIP*

**We Give Thanks and Praise:**

*For the new Bishop of Woolwich Revd Dr Woyin Karomei Dorgu*

*For the warm sense of fellowship at this church*

*For the church gardens looking so tidy*

*For the uplifting services last Sunday:*

*Sunday School Nativity and Carol Service*

*That having passed the winter solstice the daylight will now slowly get longer*

*For all those in the performance and entertainment as they give us joy at this time.*

**CHRISTMAS PEACE**

**Offertory Hymn: 40 – O Little Town of Bethlehem**

**Communion Hymns.**

**HHS 44 – The First Noel**

**HHS 45 – Away in a Manger**

**Post Communion Prayer**

God our Father,  
whose Word has come among us  
in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:  
may the light of faith illumine our hearts  
and shine in our words and deeds;  
through him who is Christ the 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 : 35 – Hark the Herald  
Angels Sing**