

NOTICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Today	10:00am-11:30 – Mothering Sunday + Big Blessing + Cream Tea! <i>150th Celebration</i>
Tues 28 Mar	9.30am-11am Play & Stay parents and babies in the choir room with Kathryn 7:30pm-9:00pm –Lent Course 4 – The Lady in the Van film at the Vicarage
Weds 29 Mar	10am-10.45 Holy Communion peaceful & prayerful 6pm – 8pm – Open Church
Fri 31 Mar	8.30am-3.30pm Community Payback Gardeners 8pm Choir Practice – all welcome
Sat 01 Apr	10am-11am Parish Office for baptisms (Christenings), Weddings and all bookings 10.30 Annual Church Visitation – Ardcn Chris 12 noon - Baptism of Mary Fennemore
Sun 02 Apr	10:00am-11:30am – 5 th Sun of Lent + Passiontide Starts + Holy Anointing + Baptism of Nevaeh 12 noon – Mission and Action Team Meeting

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

“When your mother asks, "Do you want a piece of advice?" it's a mere formality. It doesn't matter if you answer yes or no. You're going to get it anyway.”

— Erma Bombeck

“Sweater, n. Garment worn by child when its mother is feeling chilly.”

— Ambrose Bierce, The Unabridged Devil's Dictionary

“God could not be everywhere, and therefore he made mothers.”

— David C. Gross, Dictionary of 1000 Jewish Proverbs

“My mother's menu consisted of two choices: Take it or leave it.”

— Buddy Hackett

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HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH CROYDON

Mothering Sunday

26th March 2017

HYMN 1: 104– For the beauty

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of
Mary, shared the life of a home in
Nazareth, and on the cross drew the
whole human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your
presence to bind together and to
heal; 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**

OT Reading – 1 Samuel 1: 20-28

Elana

²⁰In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, “I have asked him of the Lord.” ²¹The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. ²²But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, “As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the Lord, and remain there forever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.” ²³Her husband Elkanah said to her, “Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only— may the Lord establish his word.”

So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. ²⁴When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young. ²⁵Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. ²⁶And she said, “Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. ²⁷For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him. ²⁸Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord.” She left him there for the Lord.

Psalm 127:1-4 - *Nisi Dominus*

Except the Lord build the house : their labour is but lost that build it.
2 Except the Lord keep the city : the watchman waketh but in vain.
3 It is but lost labour that ye haste to rise up early, and so late take rest, and eat the bread of carefulness : for so he giveth his beloved sleep.
4 Lo, children and the fruit of the womb : are an heritage and gift that cometh of the Lord.

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

NT Reading – Colossians 3: 12-17
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¹² As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Hymn 2: 116 – All things bright and beautiful

Gospel – John 19: 25-27

²⁵ And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." ²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Special Blessing for all those baptised or married at Holy Saviour Church



INTERCESSIONS – Christine B
We Pray Especially This Week for:

For our children and all those who are given to us to care for.
For all those affected by the Westminster Bridge event.
For Ireland both Northern Ireland the Republic of Ireland.
For the London media and press.
For the appeal in respect of the Yemen.

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

Crina on Oman the sister of Peter & Elsa, Pearl our PCC Secretary as she mourns her brother in Ghana, Enid Robinson, Ethel Miller, Jermaine & Jade and their family, Sarah, Sam Barker, Kimberline Alexander, Ron Thurgood, the Mendez family, Ron Ritchie, Mrs Trotman, Fitzroy Bradley, Ronald Windley, Bridget Alvin, Daniel Walters, Girish, Coleen, Rod, Christine C, Tessa Carter, Ina, Tony, Noel Scarlett, Irene Myton, and all those known to us.

We Give Thanks and Praise for:

For all mothers and those who have been like mothers to us.
The spring equinox and spring flowers
Peacekeeping efforts throughout the world
The heartfelt Lent Film discussions
For the work of Dan around the church and community.

Offertory Hymn: 394 – Lord of all hopefulness

Communion Hymns.
360– For Mary mother
HHS 50 – Make me a channel

Post Communion Prayer

Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of 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 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 : 205 – Now thank we all our God