

## NOTICES FOR THE WEEK

Today	10am – Second Sunday before Advent - Holy Communion and Sunday School – with Lay Leadership Survey 12 noon – Mission and Communication Action Team
Tues 21 Nov	7:00am – Morning Prayer 7.30pm-8.30pm Night Prayer with mindfulness meditation
Weds 22 Nov	10am-10.45am Holy Communion peaceful & prayerful 6pm-8pm – Open Church
Thurs 23 Nov	11:30am – Funeral of Cyril Harrison in Church 6:00pm-6:45pm – Evening Prayer
Friday 24 Nov	8.30am-3.30pm Community Payback Gardeners 8:00-9:00pm – Choir Practice – ALL are welcome
Sat 25 Nov	10am-11am Parish Office Cover for baptisms (Christenings), Weddings and all bookings 11.30am-2.30pm – Lead up to Christmas Café and Fair
Sun 26 Nov	10:00am- 11:30am – Christ The King – Holy Communion + Sunday School

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*“Into this world, this demented inn  
in which there is absolutely no room for him at all,  
Christ comes uninvited.”*

— **Thomas Merton**

*“To be human is nothing less than to be caught in the great congested pilgrimage of existence and to join ourselves freely to it in the face of the evidence of its never-ending troubles.”*

— **Eugene Kennedy, Joy of Being Human**

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## HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH CROYDON

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2017

**HYMN 1- 241 – Lift up your hearts**

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

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**OT Reading – Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-18 – Sheri**

Be silent before the Lord God!

For the day of the Lord is at hand;  
the Lord has prepared a sacrifice,  
he has consecrated his guests.

<sup>12</sup> At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts,  
“The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm.” <sup>13</sup> Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste.

Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

<sup>14</sup> The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. <sup>15</sup> That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness,

<sup>16</sup> a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. <sup>17</sup> I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. <sup>18</sup> Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord’s wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth

**Psalm 90: vv 1-8**

***Domine, refugium***

Lord, thou hast been our refuge : from one generation to another.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made : thou art God from everlasting, and world without end.

3 Thou turnest man to destruction : again thou sayest, Come again, ye children of men.

4 For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yester-day : seeing that is past as a watch in the night.

5 As soon as thou scatterest them they are even as a sleep : and fade away suddenly like the grass.

6 In the morning it is green, and groweth up : but in the evening it is cut down, dried up, and withered.

7 For we consume away in thy displeasure : and are afraid at thy wrathful indignation.

8 Thou hast set our misdeeds before thee : and our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

**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 – 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11 – Sue**

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! <sup>4</sup>But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; <sup>5</sup>for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; <sup>7</sup>for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him.

<sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

**Hymn 2: 391 – Lord Jesus Christ, you have come**

**Gospel – Matthew 25: 14-30**

<sup>14</sup> "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; <sup>15</sup> to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup> The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. <sup>17</sup> In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. <sup>18</sup> But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. <sup>19</sup> After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup> Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' <sup>21</sup> His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>22</sup> And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' <sup>23</sup> His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>24</sup> Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not

scatter seed; <sup>25</sup> so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' <sup>26</sup> But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? <sup>27</sup> Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup> So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. <sup>29</sup> For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. <sup>30</sup> As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

**INTERCESSIONS – Marie**

**We Pray Especially This Week:**

*-For Rose Lawrence on the loss of her son Patrick and for her family.*

*- For all who work at Croydon University Hospital*

*- That those of us who are 'time poor' may find ways of being with friends and family*

*- For compassion for increasing number of young men who feel suicidal*

*-For a settling to the unrest in Zimbabwe*

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

*Edit, Christopher, Jennifer, Sheila Richardson, Tanya Bell – Eward, Karen Bishop, Elaine Parker & daughter Paula, Dee Dee,, the Haylette family, Girish, Tiku Amin, Brenda, baby Teddy, Enid Jackson, Ethel Miller, Pat & Enid Robinson, Sam Barker, Mrs Trotman, Bradley, Bridget Alvin, Josephine & Daniel Walters, Coleen, Christine C, The Mendez family, Tessa Carter, Ina Parkinson, Tony, Noel Scarlett, Irene Myton, Ron Thurgood, Avril Ward, & and all those known to us*

*+ for the souls of Patrick Lawrence– Rose's son, Violet Johnson and Cecil Harrison, and for all who are mourning at this time*

**We Give Thanks and Praise :**

*For all who their time and energy to church Michael Williamson & Joyce Dehaney joining the Serving Team*

*Lilian Thurgood's talk at St James's Road Mosque last Sunday afternoon*

*For the work of Pearl Simpson as PCC secretary and safeguarding officer.*

*For Lyn Edwards research doc on hall hiring*

**Offertory Hymn: 198 – Ye Holy Angels**

**Communion Hymns.**

**129 – Lord Jesus think on me**

**HHS 4- Be still for the presence**

**Post Communion Prayer**

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**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 – 367 – Lord of grace and God of glory**