

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK

Today	10:00am- 11:30am – Advent 2 – Holy Communion + Sunday School
Tues 12 Dec	7:00am – Morning Prayer 7.30pm-8.30pm Night Prayer with mindfulness mediation Reader Paul Parmenter leading Advent Reflection
Weds 13 Dec	10am-10.45am Holy Communion peaceful & prayerful
Thurs 14 Dec	6:00pm-6:45pm – Evening Prayer
Friday 15 Dec	8.30am-3.30pm Community Payback Gardeners 7:30-9:30pm – Choir Practice – ALL are welcome The final practice before the service on Sunday.
Sat 16 Dec	10am-11am Parish Office Cover for baptisms (Christenings), Weddings and all bookings
Sun 17 Dec	10:00am- 11:30am – Advent 3 – Holy Communion + Sunday School Nativity and Christingle 5:00pm – Traditional Carol Service – Come and sing your favourite carols

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

For that purpose Christ instituted holy baptism, thereby to clothe you with his righteousness. It is tantamount to his saying, My righteousness shall be your righteousness; my innocence, your innocence. Your sins indeed are great, but by baptism I bestow on you my righteousness; I strip death from you and clothe you with my life.

Martin Luther

Baptism is an outward expression of an inward faith.

Watchman Nee

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HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH CROYDON

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday 10th December 2017

HYMN 1- 27 – On Jordan's bank

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen**

OT Reading – Isaiah 40: 1-11 – Murnell

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. ² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. ³ A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. ⁵ Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." ⁶ A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. ⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. ⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever.

⁹ Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" ¹⁰ See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. ¹¹ He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Psalm 85: vv 8-13

⁸ I will hearken what the Lord God will say concerning me : for he shall speak peace unto his people, and to his saints, that they turn not again. ⁹ For his salvation is nigh them that fear him : that glory may dwell in our land. ¹⁰ Mercy and truth are met together : righteousness and peace have kissed each other. ¹¹ Truth shall flourish out of the earth : and righteousness hath looked down from heaven. ¹² Yea, the Lord shall shew loving-kindness : and our land shall give her increase. ¹³ Righteousness shall go before him : and he shall direct his going in the way.

***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 – 2 Peter 3: 8-15a – Pearl

⁸ But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. ⁹ The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. ¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. ¹¹ Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, ¹² waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? ¹³ But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. ¹⁴ Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; ¹⁵ and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Hymn 2: 30 – Hark the Glad Sound

Gospel – Mark 1: 1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ² As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; ³ the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’” ⁴ John the baptiser appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptised by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸ I have baptised you with water; but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.”



**INTERCESSIONS - Barbara
We Pray Especially This Week:**

-For the holy city Jerusalem that all may live in peace
-For those effected by storm Caroline
-For vulnerable children and adults particularly towards Christmas
-For all who are struggling with decisions
- For those with low self-esteem
-For Rose Lawrence and her family

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

Jignasha Patel, Natalie, Adam, Claudine – Lyn’s daughter, Edit, Christopher, Jennifer, Sheila Richardson, 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, & all those known to us

+ for the soul of Patrick Lawrence– Rose’s son, and for all who are mourning at this time

We Give Thanks and Praise :

-For the Coop candle evening – and all who contributed to that gentle service of solace.
- For all the work that goes on in the background of the church – and a special thanks to Redva.
- For all who have a vision of the future for this church
- For our children and young people.

Offertory Hymn: 301 – How beautiful are their feet

Communion Hymns.

Choir – People Look East

405 - O day of God most high

Post Communion Prayer

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm 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 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 – 470 – Hills of the North Rejoice