

## NOTICES FOR THE WEEK

Today	<b>10:00am- 11:30am – Advent Sunday – Holy Communion + Sunday School + Anointing</b> Preacher Revd Anthony Buckley <b>11.45-12.15</b> Bring & Share Lunch in the hall <b>12.30-2pm Advent Quiet Afternoon</b> led by Revd Anthony Buckley – in the Vicarage
Tues 5 Dec	<b>7:00am – Morning Prayer</b> <b>7.30pm-8.30pm</b> Night Prayer with mindfulness mediation
Weds 6 Dec	<b>10am-10.45am</b> Holy Communion peaceful & prayerful <b>6:30pm</b> – Co Op Candle Memorial evening
Thurs 7 Dec	<b>6:00pm-6:45pm</b> – Evening Prayer
Friday 8 Dec	<b>8.30am-3.30pm</b> Community Payback Gardeners <b>8:00-9:00pm</b> – <b>Choir Practice</b> – ALL are welcome Please join us learning new carols for the carol service.
Sat 9 Dec	<b>10am-11am Parish Office Cover</b> for baptisms (Christenings), Weddings and all bookings <b>5:30pm</b> – Christmas Concert
Sun 10 Dec	<b>10:00am- 11:30am – Advent 2 – Holy Communion + Sunday School</b>

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*“Advent, like its cousin Lent, is a season for prayer and reformation of our hearts. Since it comes at winter time, fire is a fitting sign to help us celebrate Advent...If Christ is to come more fully into our lives this Christmas, if God is to become really incarnate for us, then fire will have to be present in our prayer. Our worship and devotion will have to stoke the kind of fire in our souls that can truly change our hearts. Ours is a great responsibility not to waste this Advent time.”*

**Edward Hays, A Pilgrim’s Almanac**

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## HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH CROYDON

### Advent Sunday

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2017

**HYMN 1- 26 – O Come, O Come Emmanuel**

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

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

#### **OT Reading – Isaiah 64: 1-9 – Lilian**

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence— <sup>2</sup> as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

<sup>3</sup> When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. <sup>4</sup> From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. <sup>5</sup> You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. <sup>6</sup> We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

<sup>7</sup> There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. <sup>8</sup> Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. <sup>9</sup> Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

#### **Psalm 80: vv 1-8**

##### **Qui regis Israel**

Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep : shew thyself also, thou that sittest upon the cherubims.  
<sup>2</sup> Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasses : stir up thy strength, and come, and help us.  
<sup>3</sup> Turn us again, O God : shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.  
<sup>4</sup> O Lord God of hosts : how long wilt thou be angry with thy people that prayeth?  
<sup>5</sup> Thou feedest them with the bread of tears : and givest them plenteousness of tears to drink.  
<sup>6</sup> Thou hast made us a very strife unto our neighbours : and our enemies laugh us to scorn.  
<sup>7</sup> Turn us again, thou God of hosts : shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.  
<sup>8</sup> Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt : thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it.

**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 Corinthians 1: 3-9 –  
Sylvia**

<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup> for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— <sup>6</sup> just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— <sup>7</sup> so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup> He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Hymn 2: 31 – Come thou long  
expected Jesus**

**Gospel – Mark 13: 24-37**

<sup>24</sup> “But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup> and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup> Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup> Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

<sup>28</sup> “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup> So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup> Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. <sup>31</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. <sup>32</sup> “But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup> Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup> It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. <sup>35</sup> Therefore, keep awake— for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, <sup>36</sup> or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. <sup>37</sup> And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”



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

*For those who are struggling financially  
For Charities – that their work may reach  
those in need.  
For those who suffer in the cold and those  
who sleep rough  
For children and families  
For Rose Lawrence in her time of grieving  
and all 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, &  
and 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 all that is good in our lives  
For the return of Mitzi and Christine from  
their travels  
The Royal Engagement between HRH Prince  
Harry & Meghan Markle  
For Revd Anthony Buckley with us here today*

**Offertory Hymn: 24 – Hark a thrilling  
voice**

**Communion Hymns.**

**8 – Hail gladdening light  
179- God of mercy, God of grace**

**Post Communion Prayer**

O Lord our God,  
make us watchful and keep us faithful  
as we await the coming of your Son our  
Lord;  
that, when he shall appear,  
he may not find us sleeping in sin  
but active in his service  
and joyful in his praise;  
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 – 28 – Lo He comes**