

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK

Today	10:00am- 11:30am – Christmas 1 – Holy Communion + Sunday School 11:00pm – New Year Night Watch – Come and see in the New Year
Mon 1 Jan	<i>Rev. Catherine on leave returns Monday 8th January evening</i>
Tues 2 Jan	7.30pm-8.30pm Night Prayer with mindfulness mediation Led by Paul
Weds 3 Jan	10am-10.45am Holy Communion peaceful & prayerful Guest Priest Revd Peter Jones
Friday 5 Jan	8.30am-3.30pm Community Payback Gardeners 8:00pm – Choir Practice - all are welcome
Sat 6 Jan	10am-11am Parish Office Cover for baptisms (Christenings), Weddings and all bookings - Redva
Sun 7 Jan	10:00am- 11:30am – Epiphany 1 – Holy Communion + Sunday School – Guest Priest Revd Tom Hurcombe will be Presiding and preaching

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“I am grateful for all that this year has given me, including the lessons it has given to my soul.

This year I will be kinder and more compassionate to myself and to all beings.

I will stop being so hard on me.

I will laugh more.

I will unplug more.

I will shift into my heart more.

I will make the time to connect to the Divine and feed my spirit.

I will let go of the small stuff.

I will surround myself with uplifting people and activities.

This is my truth and so it is. Amen.”

— ***Eileen Anglin***

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HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH CROYDON

First Sunday of Christmas

Sunday 31st December 2017

HYMN 1- 46 – Once in Royal David’s City

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

OT Reading – Isaiah 61: 10 – 62:3 - Lilian

¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹ For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion’s sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem’s sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. ² The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. ³ You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Psalm 148

Laudate Dominum

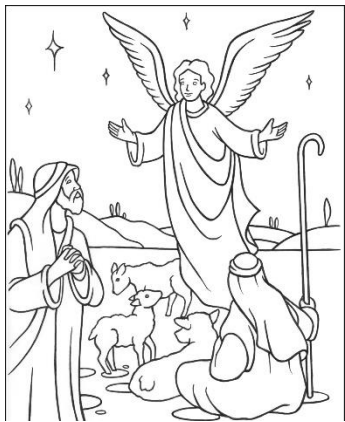
O praise the Lord of heaven : praise him in the height.
2 Praise him, all ye angels of his : praise him, all his host.
3 Praise him, sun and moon : praise him, all ye stars and light.
4 Praise him, all ye heavens : and ye waters that are above the heavens.
5 Let them praise the Name of the Lord : for he spake the word, and they were made; he commanded, and they were created.
6 He hath made them fast for ever and ever : he hath given them a law which shall not be broken.
7 Praise the Lord upon earth : ye dragons, and all deeps;
8 Fire and hail, snow and vapours : wind and storm, fulfilling his word;
9 Mountains and all hills : fruitful trees and all cedars;
10 Beasts and all cattle : worms and feathered fowls;
11 Kings of the earth and all people : princes and all judges of the world;
12 Young men and maidens, old men and children, praise the Name of the Lord : for his Name only is excellent, and his praise above heaven and earth.
13 He shall exalt the horn of his people; all his saints shall praise him : even the children of Israel, even the people that serveth him.

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 – Galatians 4: 4-7 - Efua

⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. ⁶And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Hymn 2: 39 – Angels from the realms



Gospel – Luke 2: 15-21

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

²¹After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.



INTERCESSIONS – Efua

We Pray Especially This Week:

-For those with bad flu and those recovering
-For those who have been lonely at this time of year
- For those exhausted by the year past
- For those affected by storm Dylan – especially in the north of the UK
-For those Christians in Cairo who were attacked

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

Shirley Amuah, Miriam Kolondawell, Margaret Hilton, 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, the soul of Jose Lopez – Valeria's father, for the soul of Mitzi's grand- niece and for all who are mourning at this time

We Give Thanks and Praise :

- Getting through another year in one piece!
-For those in the New Year's Honours List and all those who contribute to the good of community.
- For the contribution to this church of all our PCC members
- In thanks to our Sidespeople
-For the birth of Shirley & Tom Amuah's grand-daughter Ariella

Offertory Hymn: 41 – It came upon the midnight clear

Communion Hymns.

33 – Of the Father's love begotten
44 - Behold the great creator

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; 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 – 48– Earth has many a noble city