

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK

Today	10:00am- 11:30am – Epiphany 4 – Candlemas - Holy Communion +Sunday School – Paul Parmenter to Preach 12 noon – Pastoral Action Team Meeting – with Catherine of Attend Elmwood Care Home.
Tues 30 Jan	7.00pm-7.30am - Morning Prayer 7:30-8:30pm – Night Prayer with mindfulness mediation
Weds 31 Jan	10am-10.45am Holy Communion peaceful & prayerful
Thurs 1 Feb	6:30pm Evening Prayer 8pm -9.30pm Deanery Synod at St Albans Church Grange Rd South Norwood CR7 8SR – talks on Housing issues – all very welcome.
Friday 2 Feb	8.30am-3.30pm Community Payback Gardeners
Sat 3 Feb	10am-11am Parish Office Cover for baptisms (Christenings), Weddings and all bookings
Sun 4 Feb	10:00am- 11:30am – Second Sunday before Lent - Holy Communion +Anointing + Sunday School – Our ordinand on Placement Judith Brooks is preaching 12 noon – Mission and Communication Action Team Meeting 12noon – Young People’s leaders meeting

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

“Hope can be a powerful force. Maybe there's no actual magic in it, but when you know what you hope for most and hold it like a light within you, you can make things happen, almost like magic.”

— **Laini Taylor, Daughter of Smoke & Bone**

“Some things have to be believed to be seen.”

— **Madeleine L'Engle**

“Faith — acceptance of which we imagine to be true, that which we cannot prove.”

— **Dan Brown, The Da Vinci Code**

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HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH CROYDON Fourth Sunday of Epiphany/ Candlemas Sunday 28th January 2018

HYMN 1- 131 – Love divine, all loves excelling

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ 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 – Malachi 3: 1–5 – Pearl

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. ² But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³ he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. ⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. ⁵ Then I will draw near to you for judgment; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the

hired workers in their wages, the widow and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

Psalm 24: 1-10

Domini est terra

The earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is : the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.

² For he hath founded it upon the seas : and prepared it upon the floods.

³ Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord : or who shall rise up in his holy place?

⁴ Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart : and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbour.

⁵ He shall receive the blessing from the Lord: and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

⁶ This is the generation of them that seek him : even of them that seek thy face, O Jacob.

⁷ Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors : and the King of glory shall come in.

⁸ Who is the King of glory : it is the Lord strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle.

⁹ Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors : and the King of glory shall come in.

¹⁰ Who is the King of glory : even the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory

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 – Hebrews 2: 14-18 - Sheri

¹⁴ Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶ For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷ Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Hymn 2: 453– Faithful vigil ended

Gospel – Luke 2: 22-40

²² When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), ²⁴ and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. ²⁷ Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, ²⁹ “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; ³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.” ³³ And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.” ³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were

looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

INTERCESSIONS – Christine B

We Pray Especially This Week:

- For staff in the hospitals and the future of NHS as it struggles yet again with winter numbers of patients

- For those serving time prison and their families and those recently released adjusting to normal life.

- For those with drug addiction and alcoholism and those who care for them.

- For our children as we watch them grow up

- For our job security and future prospects.

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

Joanne & Kathleen who popped into church. All who live at 44 Kimberley Rd, Murnell Marrant, Rose Lawrence & family, Jignasha Patel, Natalie, , 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

+ The soul of Elizabeth Williams – Michael William’s wife. + The souls of Primrose and Trevor – Avril’s friends. +The soul of Gary...Rose Kapita’s brother (Gloria’s uncle) +The soul of Zareych who died aged 4 and her mother Ayoola who mourns her (Mitzi’s niece).

We Give Thanks and Praise :

- For the home health remedies our parents pass onto us.
- For the water that rain provides
- For our close friends and relatives
- For the growth of Kids Paradise pre-school & the warmth of Ivy who runs it.
- For our Serving Team.

Offertory Hymn: 484 – Long ago.

Prophets knew

Communion Hymns

311 – Virgin-born, we bow before thee

343 – Be thou my vision

Post Communion Prayer

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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 – HHS28– Lord the light of your love