

## NOTICES FOR THE WEEK

Today	10:00am – 11:30am – Second Sunday of Lent – Holy Communion + Sunday School + Learning Lent by Mitzi + James to preach
Tues 27 Feb	7.00pm-7.30am - Morning Prayer 7:30-9.00pm LENT COURSE with FILM in the Vicarage
Weds 28 Feb	10am- Committal of Liz Williams Croydon Crematorium (no Holy Communion service this week) 11:30pm – Thanksgiving Service in Church in Memory of Liz Williams, Michael Williams’ wife. All are welcome.
Thurs 1 Mar	6:00-6.30pm – Evening Prayer
Friday 2 Mar	8.30am-3.30pm Community Payback Gardeners 9:00am – Funeral in church - Emmanuel Afriaye † RIP
Sat 3 Mar	10am-11am Parish Office Cover for baptisms (Christenings), Weddings and all bookings
Sun 4 Mar	10:00am – 11:30am – Third Sunday of Lent – Holy Communion + Sunday School + Anointing + Learning Lent Reflection by Kathryn Prentice + <b>Baptism of Harper-Ivy</b> 11.45am Standing Committee & 12noon Beyond 150 <sup>th</sup> Heritage & Connect meeting

## THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

*“The “show business,” which is so incorporated into our view of Christian work today, has caused us to drift far from Our Lord’s conception of discipleship. It is instilled in us to think that we have to do exceptional things for God; we have not. We have to be exceptional in ordinary things, to be holy in mean streets, among mean people, surrounded by sordid sinners. That is not learned in five minutes.”*

— **Oswald Chamber**

*“Those who aren’t following Jesus aren’t his followers. It’s that simple. Followers follow, and those who don’t follow aren’t followers. To follow Jesus means to follow Jesus into a society where justice rules, where love shapes everything. To follow Jesus means to take up his dream and work for it.”*

— **Scot McKnight, One.Life: Jesus Calls, We Follow**

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## HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH CROYDON

### Second Sunday of Lent Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2018

#### HYMN 1- 207– Praise to the Lord

#### COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ’s religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

#### LENT CANDLES ARE LIT

#### & 5 MINS LENT REFLECTION – ‘SELFLESSNESS’ BY MITZI ISAACS

#### OT Reading – Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16– Sheri

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. <sup>2</sup>And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.” <sup>3</sup>Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, <sup>4</sup>“As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup>No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup>I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup>I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to

be God to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup>I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her.

#### Psalm 22: 23-32

23 O praise the Lord, ye that fear him : magnify him, all ye of the seed of Jacob, and fear him, all ye seed of Israel;  
24 For he hath not despised, nor abhorred, the low estate of the poor : he hath not hid his face from him, but when he called unto him he heard him.  
25 My praise is of thee in the great congregation : my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear him.  
26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied : they that seek after the Lord shall praise him; your heart shall live for ever.  
27 All the ends of the world shall remember themselves, and be turned unto the Lord : and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him.  
28 For the kingdom is the Lord’s : and he is the Governor among the people.  
29 All such as be fat upon earth : have eaten and worshipped.  
30 All they that go down into the dust shall kneel before him : and no man hath quickened his own soul.  
31 My seed shall serve him : they shall be counted unto the Lord for a generation.  
32 They shall come, and the heavens shall declare his righteousness : unto a people that shall be born, whom the Lord hath made.

**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 – Romans 4: 13-25 – Abi**

<sup>13</sup> For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup> If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

<sup>16</sup> For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup> as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

<sup>18</sup> Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” <sup>19</sup> He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. <sup>20</sup> No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

<sup>22</sup> Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” <sup>23</sup> Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup> but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup> who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

**Hymn 2: 343– Be thou my vision**

**Gospel – Mark 8: 31-38 - Mitzi**

<sup>31</sup> Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

<sup>32</sup> He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

<sup>34</sup> He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup> For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?

<sup>37</sup> Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup> Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

**INTERCESSIONS – Christine B**

**We Pray Especially This Week:**

- For the soul of American Evangelist Billy Graham – who died this week aged 99yrs – influential to many Christians around the world. We pray for those who mourn.

- For Syria and all tension in the countries of the Middle-east.

- For the global charity Oxfam – and for all our local branches.

- For Croydon Association for Pastoral Care in Mental Health – helping those in mental distress.

- For all who are in unstable work situations

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

Ron Thurgood facing surgery, Ingrid’s aunt, Paulina Larios-Vazquez Maria’s daughter, All who live at 44 Kimberley Rd, Lyn Edwards & her daughter Claudine, 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, Avril Ward, & and all those known to us

† The soul of Elizabeth Williams – Michael William’s wife. † The souls of Charmaine Moran † The soul of Emmanuel Afriaye

**We give thanks and praise for;**  
*The love of Katie & Steven and they thank God who brought them together – they invite everyone at Holy Saviour to their wedding here Saturday March 10<sup>th</sup> 12noon.*

**Offertory Hymn: 102 – My God how wonderful**

**Communion Hymns**

**237– Take up thy cross**

**136 – Jesus, grant me this I pray**

**Post Communion Prayer**

Almighty God,  
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:  
keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls;  
that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;  
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 – 375– I danced for the scribe**