

NOTICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Today	10:00am-11:30am – 5 th Sun of Lent + Passiontide Starts+ James preaching + Baptism of Amari, Heidi’s baby + Young Peoples’ independent group in the choir room
Tues 20 Mar	7.00pm-7.30am - Morning Prayer 7:30-9.00pm LAST LENT COURSE 5 with FILM in the Vicarage
Weds 21 Mar	10am-10.45am Holy Communion peaceful & prayerful 4pm-5pm – Thanksgiving Service at Elmwood Care Home
Thurs 22 Mar	7pm-8.45pm Citizens UK Pre-Council Election Assembly Councillors Tony Newman & Tim Pollard, Coulsdon College Croydon North Deanery – Vision for Croydon-all welcome.
Fri 23 Mar	8.30am-3.30pm Community Payback Gardeners 8pm Choir Practice for Easter – all welcome
Sat 24 Mar	10am-11am Parish Office for baptisms (Christenings), Weddings and all bookings 2pm-3.30pm Rehearsal for Palm Sunday Passion Reading
Sun 25 Mar	10:00am-11:30am – Palm Sunday + Donkey + Passion Reading

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

“Each night, when I go to sleep, I die. And the next morning, when I wake up, I am reborn.”

— **Mahatma Gandhi**

“Fear not death for the sooner we die, the longer we shall be immortal.”

— **Benjamin Franklin**

“The boundaries which divide Life from Death are at best shadowy and vague. Who shall say where the one ends, and where the other begins?”

— **Edgar Allan Poe, The Premature Burial**

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HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH CROYDON

5th Sunday of Lent – Passiontide begins

18th March 2018

HYMN 1: 72– Lift High the Cross

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

LIGHTING OF LENT CANDLES

LENT REFLECTION ON ‘SERVANT HEART’ BY BARBARA TRUTTERO

OT Reading - *Jeremiah 31: 31-34*– *James*

³¹The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and

they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Psalm 119: 9-16 *In quo corriget?*

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way : even by ruling himself after thy word.

10 With my whole heart have I sought thee : O let me not go wrong out of thy commandments.

11 Thy words have I hid within my heart : that I should not sin against thee.

12 Blessed art thou, O Lord : O teach me thy statutes.

13 With my lips have I been telling : of all the judgements of thy mouth.

14 I have had as great delight in the way of thy testimonies : as in all manner of riches.

15 I will talk of thy commandments : and have respect unto thy ways.

16 My delight shall be in thy statutes : and I will not forget thy word.

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 5: 5-10 – Marie

⁵ So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

⁶ as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of
Melchizedek.”

⁷ In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸ Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹ and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰ having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Hymn 2: 373 – Help us O Lord to learn

Gospel – John 12: 20-33 - Paul

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and

said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²² Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³ Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

²⁴ Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

²⁵ Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. ²⁷ “Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.”

³⁰ Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine.

³¹ Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³ He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

INTERCESSIONS – Marie

We Pray Especially This Week:

- *For relations with Russia and the rest of the world.*

- *For the Citizens political event here next Thursday evening*

- *For grandparents who help their families*

- *For Prince Harry & Meghan Markle as they prepare for marriage.*

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

All who live at 44 Kimberley Rd, Rose Lawrence & family, Jignasha Patel, Lyn Edwards, 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, & all those known to us

We pray for all those mourning at this time

We Give Thanks and Praise:

- *For Alexander & Vida’s first grandchild Micha*

- *For repairs to the hall toilet floors*

- *For spring weather and spring flowers*

- *For our pets and the joy they give us*
- *For the wonderful Mothering Sunday Service, Cream Tea and photos.*

Offertory Hymn: 410 – O Holy Father God most dear

Communion Hymns.

**97– Father of Heaven whose love
66 – Glory be to Jesus**

Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, 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 : 251 – There’s a wideness in God’s mercy (vv 3-8 only)