

NOTICES FOR THIS WEEK

Today	10:00am-11:30am – Easter 7 – Ascension Day Service – + Sunday School + Revd Peter Jones Preaching Christian Aid week begins 12 Noon – Building and Finance Meeting in the Choir Room
Tues 15 May	7:00am – Morning Prayer 7.30pm-8.30pm Night Prayer and Meditation 7pm – 9pm – PCC meeting in the Vicarage
Weds 16 May	10am-10.45 Holy Communion peaceful & prayerful
Thurs 17 May	6-7pm – Bible Study in Church gallery – Guest leader Reader Peter Graystone
Friday 18 May	8.30am-3.30pm Community Payback Gardeners 8:00 – 9:00 – Choir Practice – All are welcome
Sat 19 May	10am-11am - Parish Office for baptisms (Christenings), Weddings and all bookings 11:00am – 12:30pm – Confirmation Class 4 – in Gallery 12.30 onwards Royal Wedding watch together at the Vicarage With snacks
Sun 20 May	10:00am-11:30am – Pentecost Service – All Together Service + Young People’s Group doing something in the service! James Lewis Preaching

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

Christ “ascended,” not to depart from earth, but to take the throne of His Kingdom on earth. “He sat down at the right hand of God.” God’s reign does not consist in sitting upon a distant throne! It consists in omnipresent power and authority. To sit at His right hand means to share His Authority and Omnipresence.

Talmadge Root.

With the ascent of the Saviour into heaven, from which this anniversary day receives its name, He has entered upon the real and undisputed possession of His royal reign, in which from this time on He rules over all things that are in heaven and on earth.

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HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH CROYDON SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / ASCENSION SERVICE 13th May 2018

HYMN 1: 144– Come let us join

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens, so we in heart and mind may also ascend and with him continually dwell; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

OT Reading - Daniel 7: 9-14– Christine B

⁹As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. ¹⁰A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. ¹¹I watched then because of the noise of the arrogant words that the horn was speaking. And as I watched, the beast was put to death, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. ¹²As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time. ¹³As I watched in the night visions, I

saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. ¹⁴To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

Psalm 1: 1-7

Beatus vir qui non abiit,

Blessed is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stood in the way of sinners : and hath not sat in the seat of the scornful.

² But his delight is in the law of the Lord : and in his law will he exercise himself day and night.

³ And he shall be like a tree planted by the water-side : that will bring forth his fruit in due season.

⁴ His leaf also shall not wither : and look, whatsoever he doeth, it shall prosper.

⁵ As for the ungodly, it is not so with them : but they are like the chaff, which the wind scattereth away from the face of the earth.

⁶ Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stand in the judgement : neither the sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

⁷ But the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous : and the way of the ungodly shall perish.

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 – Acts 1: 1-11 – James

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ² until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³ After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴ While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” ⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and

they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Hymn 2: 87– Hail the day that sees Him rise

Gospel – Luke 24: 44- 53

⁴⁴ Then Jesus said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.” ⁵⁰ Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³ and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

**INTERCESSIONS – Barbara
We Pray Especially This Week:**

- For Iran, Syria & Israel – may the world be restored to peace
- For newly elected Councils -especially Croydon Council
- For good standards and principles in bringing up young people
- For our own health and wellbeing now and as we grow older
- For our organist Richard
- For Peter & Elsa’s travels

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

Feodora L, Sarah D, Marie W, David and Valerie, Christopher, Michael, Neville , Rose & family, Jignasha, Natalie, Jennifer, Girish, Tiku Amin, Brenda, baby Teddy, Enid J, Ethel M, Pat & Enid R,n, Sam B, Bradley, Bridget A, Josephine Ws, Coleen, Christine C, Denise M, Tessa C, Ina P, Tony, Noel St, Irene M, Ron T, Avril W, and all those known to us

† The soul of Margaret
We pray for all those mourning at this time

We Give Thanks and Praise:

- For our new Churchwardens, PCC & Sidespeople and the wonderful swearing in service at St John the Divine Selsdon
- For our “Say a little Prayer event”
- For the beautiful tiles found at the back altar & for Cyril’s help
-For God’s love and protection

Offertory 141 – The head that once was crowned

Communion Hymns.

265 – O Thou who at Thy Eucharist
154 – Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost

Post Communion Prayer

God our Father, you have raised our humanity in Christ and have fed us with the bread of heaven: mercifully grant that, nourished with such spiritual blessings, we may set our hearts in the heavenly places; 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: 140– All hail the power