

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK

Today	10:00am-11:30am – Birth of John the Baptist HC + Sunday School + James to preach + Baptism of Emmanuel
Tues 26 June	7:00am- 7.30am Morning Prayer 7:30pm-8:30pm – Walk and Pray meditation.
Weds 27 June	10am-10.45am Holy Communion peaceful & prayerful 1.30pm <i>Interment of Ashes Monica Lindo Beckenham Crem.</i>
Thurs 28 June	4:00-5:00pm – Thanksgiving Service at Elmwood Care Home 8.00p-9.30pm Deanery Synod at St Mark's South Norwood.
Friday 29 June	8.30am-3.30pm Community Payback Gardeners 1.15pm Funeral in Church Dorothy Harrison +RIP officiant is Revd Andy Dovey Chaplain of Croydon Uni Hospital.
Sat 30 June	10am-11am Parish Office for baptisms (Christenings), Weddings and all bookings
Sun 1 July	10:00am-11:30am – Peter and Paul Apostles HC + Sunday School + Anointing + Guest Priest & Preacher Revd Peter Jones 11:45am – Standing Committee meeting 12 noon – Pastoral Action Team Meeting

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

“Every single human being should be the fulfilment of a prophecy: for every human being should be the realisation of some ideal, either in the mind of God or in the mind of man.”

— Oscar Wilde, De Profundis

“We can always be sure of one thing—that the messengers of discomfort and sacrifice will be stoned and pelted by those who wish to preserve at all costs their own contentment. This is not a lesson that is confined to the Testaments.”

— Christopher Hitchens, Love, Poverty, and War: Journeys and Essays

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HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH CROYDON

Birth of John the Baptist Sunday 24th June 2018

HYMN 1- 303– Lo round the throne a glorious band

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty God, by whose providence your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Saviour by the preaching of repentance: lead us to repent according to his preaching and, after his example, constantly to speak the truth, boldly to rebuke vice, and patiently to suffer for the truth's sake; 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**

OLD TESTAMENT READING Sylvia

Isaiah 40 : 1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. ² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. ³ A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. ⁵ Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." ⁶ A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. ⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. ⁸ The grass withers, the flower

fades; but the word of our God will stand forever.

⁹ Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" ¹⁰ See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. ¹¹ He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Psalm 85 vv 7-13

⁷ Shew us thy mercy, O Lord : and grant us thy salvation.
⁸ I will hearken what the Lord God will say concerning me : for he shall speak peace unto his people, and to his saints, that they turn not again.
⁹ For his salvation is nigh them that fear him : that glory may dwell in our land.
¹⁰ Mercy and truth are met together : righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
¹¹ Truth shall flourish out of the earth : and righteousness hath looked down from heaven.
¹² Yea, the Lord shall shew loving-kindness : and our land shall give her increase.
¹³ Righteousness shall go before him : and he shall direct his going in the way.

**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 13 : 14b-26
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And on the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down.¹⁵ After the reading of the law and the prophets, the officials of the synagogue sent them a message, saying, "Brothers, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, give it."¹⁶ So Paul stood up and with a gesture began to speak: "You Israelites, and others who fear God, listen.¹⁷ The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it.¹⁸ For about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness.¹⁹ After he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land as an inheritance²⁰ for about four hundred fifty years. After that he gave them judges until the time of the prophet Samuel.²¹ Then they asked for a king; and God gave them Saul son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, who reigned for forty years.²² When he had removed him, he made David their king. In his testimony about him he said, 'I have found David, son of Jesse, to be a man after my heart, who will carry out all my wishes.'²³ Of this man's posterity God has brought to Israel a Saviour, Jesus, as he promised;²⁴ before his coming John had already proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel.²⁵ And as John was finishing his work, he said, 'What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but one is coming after me;

I am not worthy to untie the thong of the sandals on his feet.'

²⁶ "My brothers, you descendants of Abraham's family, and others who fear God, to us the message of this salvation has been sent.

Hymn 2: 484 – Long ago, prophets knew

Gospel – Luke 1 : 57-66, 80

⁵⁷ Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son.⁵⁸ Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.⁵⁹ On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father.⁶⁰ But his mother said, "No; he is to be called John."⁶¹ They said to her, "None of your relatives has this name."⁶² Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him.⁶³ He asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And all of them were amazed.⁶⁴ Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God.⁶⁵ Fear came over all their neighbours, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea.⁶⁶ All who heard them pondered them and said, "What then will this child become?" For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.⁸⁰ The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

INTERCESSIONS – Christine

We Pray Especially This Week:

*-For artists and singers as political activists past and present who aim to bring change and peace in our world.
-For animals near extinction wild cats, water moles, bats, elephants, rhinos
-For Elmwood Care Home and all who live and work there.
-For all in Croydon University Hospital.*

We Pray for those Unwell in Body,

Mind or Spirit: *Waleria, Edmund M Tasha, Jenny P, Alexander & Vida, Tabitha & family, Feodora, David and Valerie, Christopher, Michael, Neville , Rose & family, Natalie, Jennifer, Girish, Tiku Amin, Brenda, baby Teddy, Enid J, Ethel M, Pat & Enid R, Sam B, Bradley, Bridget Alvin, Josephine W, Coleen, Christine C, Denise M, Tessa C, Ina P, Tony, Noel S, Irene M, Ron T, Avril W, and all those we know and love.*

† Soul of Nyasha & Soul of Ethel R. the Soul of Amina & the soul of Bradley who would have been 14 years and we pray for all those mourning

We Give Thanks and Praise :

*-For the baptism of baby Ariella last week – Shirley & Tom's granddaughter
-For the baptism of Emmanuel today – Veronica's grandson.
-For our husbands, wives, partners, sons and daughters.
-For Revd Anthony Buckley's bible study this week.*

Offertory Hymn: 316 – Lo from the desert homes

Communion Hymns.

363 – Glory to Thee O God

510– Sent forth by God's blessing

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Lord, whose prophet John the Baptist proclaimed your Son as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world: grant that we who in this sacrament have known your forgiveness and your life-giving love may ever tell of your mercy and your peace; 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 : 305 – For all the Saints