

## NOTICES FOR THE WEEK

Today	10:00am-11:30am – 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas - HC + Revd Peter Jones presiding and preaching
Mon 31 Dec	11.00pm-12.15pm New Year's Eve Watch Service – with Cassius on saxophone! Write your new year prayers + London fireworks on TV with a drink!
Tues 1 Jan	HAPPY NEW YEAR - No service tonight
Weds 2 Jan	10am-10.45am Holy Communion – Peaceful and Prayerful with Revd. Peter Jones presiding.
Thurs 3 Jan	11.00am-3.00pm Painting the hall with Churchwardens and Musole – all budding Rembrandts welcome There is no evening prayer today
Friday 4 Jan	8.30am-3.30pm Community Payback Gardeners 6pm- 7pm – Choir Practice – all are welcome
Sat 5 Jan	10am-11am Parish Office for baptisms (Christenings), Weddings and all bookings
Sun 6 Jan	10:00am-11:30am – The Epiphany - HC + Incense + Gabby Parikh speaking on Stewardship + the Baptism of Kyrillos

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*"Love is not love Which alters when it alteration finds,  
Or bends with the remover to remove.  
O no, it is an ever-fixed mark That looks on tempests and is never shaken;  
It is the star to every wand'ring bark, Whose worth's unknown, although his  
height be taken."*

— **William Shakespeare, *Sonnets no 116***

### Next Sunday's Readings – Epiphany

OT - Isaiah 60 – vv 1-6  
NT - Ephesians 3 – vv1-12  
Gospel - Matthew 2 – vv1-12  
Psalm - 72 – vv10-15

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## HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH CROYDON

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas  
Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December 2018

**HYMN 1: 46 – Once in Royal David's City**

### COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**OT Reading – 1 Samuel 2: 19-20, 26  
Sheri**

<sup>19</sup> His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.

<sup>20</sup> Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord"; and then they would return to their home. <sup>26</sup> Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the Lord and with the people.

**Psalm 148 vv 1-6**

### *Laudate Dominum*

O praise the Lord of heaven : praise him in the height.  
2 Praise him, all ye angels of his : praise him, all his host.  
3 Praise him, sun and moon : praise him, all ye stars and light.  
4 Praise him, all ye heavens : and ye waters that are above the heavens.  
5 Let them praise the Name of the Lord : for he spake the word, and they were made; he commanded, and they were created.  
6 He hath made them fast for ever and ever : he hath given them a law which shall not be broken.

***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 – Colossians 3: 12-17,  
Sue**

<sup>12</sup>As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. <sup>13</sup>Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup>Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**Hymn 2: 39 – Angels from the  
Realms**

**Gospel – Luke 2: 41-52**

<sup>41</sup>Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. <sup>42</sup>And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival.

<sup>43</sup>When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it.

<sup>44</sup>Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. <sup>45</sup>When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him.

<sup>46</sup>After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup>And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

<sup>48</sup>When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." <sup>49</sup>He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"

<sup>50</sup>But they did not understand what he said to them. <sup>51</sup>Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

<sup>52</sup>And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

**INTERCESSIONS – Ehua**

**We Pray Especially This Week:**

*-For the victims of the Indonesian tsunami  
-For those who spent Christmas in hospital away from their homes  
-For the families of servicemen and women away from their loved ones  
-For those worrying over the cost of Christmas*

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

*Ron and all the family, Uncle Ron, Liam, Darren & Lina, Egio, Trevor & family, Ernestine, Edith, Anthony, Lloyd,, Simon & Samantha and Zak,, Pat, Mona, Sidney, Steve, Alexander & Vida, Tinashe, Feodora, , Girish, Brenda, Enid, Ethel, Pat & Enid, Bradley, Bridget, Josephine, Christine, Tessa, Ina, Tony, Noel, Irene, Avril and all those we love. We pray for all in our congregation*

*† We pray for the souls of James, Sheryl, Mike Stevens, Barbara Webb & we pray for all those mourning.*

**We Give Thanks and Praise :**

*-For those who cared for the homeless at Christmas  
-For those who worked in the health service over Christmas  
-For the services we held during the Christmas season  
-For our clergy, servers, choir and organist and all who attended all services during Christmas*

**Offertory – 41 – It Came Upon the  
Midnight**

**Communion Hymns.**

**33– Of the Father's love begotten  
HHS 44– The First Noel**

**Post Communion Prayer**

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; 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.

**Final Hymn: 48 - Earth has many a noble  
city**