

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK

Today	10:00am-11:30am – (Advent 2)+ Sunday School Reader Paul Parmenter Preaching
Tues 11 Dec	7.00am – Morning Prayer 1.00pm Funeral of Mike Stevens Streatham Cemetery 7.30pm-8.30pm Night Prayer with mindfulness mediation
Weds 12 Dec	10am-10.45am Holy Communion peaceful & prayerful
Thurs 13 Dec	6:00pm-7:00pm – Evening Prayer
Friday 14 Dec	8.30am-3.30pm Community Payback Gardeners 11am Funeral of Barbara Webb at Croydon Cemetery 7:00pm – 9.00pm – Choir Practice – for the Carol Service – Please be there!!
Sat 15 Dec	10am-11am Parish Office for baptisms (Christenings), Weddings and all bookings
Sun 16 Dec	10:00am-11:30am – (Advent 3)+ Sunday School 5:00pm – Our Traditional Carol Service followed by mulled wine and mince pies

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

“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**

“No wonder God chose this dark land to send prophets to, for a candle only shines in the dark.”

— **Rami Ollaik, The Bees Road**

Next Sunday's Readings Advent 3

OT - Zephaniah 3 vv 14-20

NT - Philippians 4 vv: 4-7

Gospel - Luke 3 vv 7-18

Psalm 146 vv 4-10

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HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH CROYDON

2nd Sunday of Advent

Sunday 9th December 2018

HYMN 1- 484 – Long ago, prophets knew

During the lighting of the Prophets Advent Candle we sing:

Prophet voices loudly crying,

Making pathways clear:

Glimpsing glory, self-denying,

Calling all to hear.

Through their message – challenged,

shaken -

Hearts awaken: God is near

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen**

OT Reading – Malachi 3: 1-4, Victoria K

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. ² But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³ he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness.

⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

THE BENEDICTUS

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel: for he hath visited and redeemed his people; And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us : in the house of his servant David; As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets : which have been since the world began;

That we should be saved from our enemies : and from the hand of all that hate us.

To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers: and to remember his holy Covenant;

To perform the oath which he swore to our forefather Abraham : that he would give us; That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies : might serve him without fear; In holiness and righteousness before him : all the days of our life.

And thou, Child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;

To give knowledge of salvation unto his people : for the remission of their sins, Through the tender mercy of our God : whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;

To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death : and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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 – Philippians 1: 3-11,
Pearl**

³I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Hymn 2: 24 – Hark a thrilling voice

Gospel – Luke 3: 1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.
⁵Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;
⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

INTERCESSIONS – Barbara

We Pray Especially This Week:

-For those that are homeless or lonely and without their family at this time.

-For better relations between the police and young people in the Croydon area

-For Parliament and the Brexit debate next week.

-For those with incurable health problems.

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

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

† We pray for the souls of Mike Stevens, Ricardo Stephenson, Barbara Webb and for George Bush Senior & we pray for all those mourning.

We Give Thanks and Praise :

-For our religious and family traditions around Christmas that keep us in touch with the past and build us for the future.

-For our busy week of events...Coop Candle Evening, 2 Deanery events, Cmas Fayre & Seniors Social and huge thanks for all who contributed and especially thanks to Sheri, Christine, Barbara, Mitzi, Lilian, St James Mosque and KWCA.

Offertory – 32 Sleepers awake

Communion Hymns.

315– Sing we the praises

30– Hark the glad sound

Post Communion Prayer

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith; 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: 235 - O Jesus I have
promised**