

## NOTICES FOR THE WEEK

Today	10:00am-11:30am – (Advent 4) HC + Nativity and Christingle
Mon 24 Dec	Midnight Mass 11:30pm-12.45pm – if you need a lift home I Revd Catherine know.
Tues 25 Dec	10.00am – Christmas Day Service + the Baptism of Billy Harry Cornfield
Weds 26 Dec	No Service this week
Thurs 27 Dec	No Service this week
Friday 28 Dec	No Community Payback Gardeners Please note there will be no choir practice tonight
Sat 29 Dec	10am-11am Parish Office for baptisms (Christenings), Weddings and all bookings
Sun 30 Dec	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 and London fireworks on Tv with a drink!

## THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

*"Luke's Gospel account of the Christmas event is full of activity...And yet, in the middle of the frenetic action, here is this woman wrapped in mystical silence...She demonstrates the necessity of a quiet place within ourselves at Christmastime—that place where we are most ourselves in relation to God.*

*William Frebuser, "Making Christmas a Saving Event,"*

## Next Sunday's Readings Christmas 1

OT -	1 Samuel 2 vv 19-20, 26
NT -	Colossians 3 vv: 12-17
Gospel -	Luke 2 vv 41-52
Psalm-	148 vv1-6

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## HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH CROYDON

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent/ Nativity and Christingle Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2018

#### HYMN 1: 26 – O Come O Come Emmanuel

*During the lighting of the Virgin Mary's  
Advent Candle we sing:*

*Mary's gift beyond all telling  
We recall today;  
Son of God within her dwelling,  
Born to show the way.  
Who could guess the final story?  
-cross and glory; Easter Day!*

#### COLLECT FOR THE DAY

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

#### OT Reading Micah 5:2-5a, Murnell

<sup>2</sup> But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

<sup>3</sup> Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. <sup>4</sup> And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; <sup>5</sup> and he shall be the one of peace.

#### Canticle – The Magnificat

1. My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
2. For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden.
3. For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.
4. For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name.
5. And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.
6. He hath shewed strength with his arm : he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
7. He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek.
8. He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away.
9. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:
10. As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

**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 10: 5-10,  
Sylvia**

<sup>5</sup> Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, “Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; <sup>6</sup> in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure.

<sup>7</sup> Then I said, ‘See, God, I have come to do your will, O God’ (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).”

<sup>8</sup> When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), <sup>9</sup> then he added, “See, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. <sup>10</sup> And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

**Hymn 2: 360 – For Mary Mother of our God**



**Gospel – Luke 1: 39-45**

<sup>39</sup> In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, <sup>40</sup> where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup> When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit <sup>42</sup> and exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

<sup>43</sup> And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? <sup>44</sup> For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup> And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.”

**Reader James Lewis  
“a few seasonal words ”**

**Nativity – Christingle  
By Sunday School & Young  
People**

**INTERCESSIONS – Christine**

**We Pray Especially This Week:**

*-That wise leaders might arise in this modern times*

*-For all those with difficult family relations*

*-For all those who will be alone this Christmas*

*-For those in prison at this time*

*-For who are suffering with illness*

**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 baby Josephine born to Katie & Steven in Hong Kong!*

*-For Tessa Carter celebrating her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday next week.*

*-For the gift of life and health*

*-For our wonderful Carol Service last week.*

*- For the coming of the Christ child to our world and in our hearts.*

**Offertory – 40 – O Little Town of Bethlehem**

**Communion Hymns.**

**33– Of the Father’s love begotten**

**311– Virgin born we bow before Thee**

**Post Communion Prayer**

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; 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: 422 - Tell out my soul**