

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK

Today	10:00am-11:30am – Advent Sunday + Sunday School 11.45-12.20pm Bring and Share lunch prior to 12.30pm-2pm Advent Quiet Afternoon in the Vicarage with Revd Sister Susan Berry
Tues 4 Dec	7.00am – Morning Prayer 6pm-8pm Deanery Young People Public Spirit at St Oswald's Church Hall St Oswald's Rd Norbury SW16 3SB 7.30pm-8.30pm Night Prayer with mindfulness meditation
Weds 5 Dec	10am-10.45am Holy Communion peaceful & prayerful 6:30pm – 8pm Coop Candle Memorial Evening
Thurs 6 Dec	6:00pm-7:00pm – Evening Prayer
Friday 7 Dec	8.30am-3.30pm Community Payback Gardeners 3.30-4.15pm All Deanery Choir at Croydon Minster 4.30-5.30pm Nativity Action outside Town Hall Katherine St 6:00pm – 7.00pm – Choir Practice – all welcome
Sat 8 Dec	10am-11am Parish Office for baptisms (Christenings), Weddings and all bookings 11am-1pm Christmas Fayre i 2pm-4pm All faiths Seniors Social Mix & Mingle
Sun 9 Dec	10:00am-11:30am – (Advent 2)+ Sunday School +YPIG Paul Preaching

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*“At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving others with God's own love and concern.” — **Mother Teresa, Love: A Fruit Always in Season***

Next Sunday's Readings Advent Sunday

OT -	Jeremiah 33 vv 14-16
NT -	1 Thessalonians 3 vv: 9-13
Gospel -	Luke 21 vv 25-36
Psalm	25 vv 1-9

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HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH CROYDON

Advent Sunday Sunday 2nd December 2018

HYMN 1- 26 – O Come, O come Emmanuel

PSALM FOR THE DAY – 25:1-9

During the lighting of the Patriarchal Advent Candle we sing:

Advent candles tell their story

As we watch and pray:

Longing for the day of glory

'Come, Lord soon' we say.

Pain and sorrow, tears and sadness

Changed for gladness on that day

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

OT Reading – Jeremiah 33: 14-16, Sue

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Ad te, Domine, levavi

Unto thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul; my God, I have put my trust in thee : O let me not be confounded, neither let mine enemies triumph over me.

2 For all they that hope in thee shall not be ashamed : but such as transgress without a cause shall be put to confusion.

3 Shew me thy ways, O Lord : and teach me thy paths.

4 Lead me forth in thy truth, and learn me : for thou art the God of my salvation; in thee hath been my hope all the day long.

5 Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies : and thy loving-kindnesses, which have been ever of old.

6 O remember not the sins and offences of my youth : but according to thy mercy think thou upon me, O Lord, for thy goodness.

7 Gracious and righteous is the Lord : therefore will he teach sinners in the way.

8 Them that are meek shall he guide in judgement : and such as are gentle, them shall he learn his way.

9 All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth : unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

**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 – 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13, Sheri

⁹ How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you?

¹⁰ Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹² And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³ And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Hymn 2: 31 – Come Thou long expected Jesus

Gospel – Luke 21: 25-36

²⁵ “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶ People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

²⁷ Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹ Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰ as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

³² Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴ “Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵ like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

INTERCESSIONS – Dan

We Pray Especially This Week:

- For migrants desperate enough to cross the channel in small boats.

- For our medicine stocks in chemists

-For all our preparations for the Christmas season and especially family relationships

-For those who will be alone or homeless this December.

-For after school clubs – those who run them, children who attend them and parents who have long working hours.

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

Egio Giust – E & P’s relative, Sheryl – L & R’s relative, Trevor & family, Denise, Ernestine, Edith – C’s mum, Anthony – K’s neighbour, Lloyd- R’s relative, Simon & Samantha – S’ son & partner, Pat – B’s sister, Mona – A’s mother, 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 and we pray for all those mourning.

We Give Thanks and Praise :

-For Strictly Come Dancing and all our favourite TV programmes!

-For Christmas lights all over the country
-For good food and drink.

-For Dan’s work in the Church garden.

Offertory – 470 Hills of the North Rejoice

Communion Hymns.

8– Hail Gladdening Light

179– God of mercy, God of Grace

Post Communion Prayer

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; 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: 28 Lo He Comes