

NOTICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Today	10:00am-11:30am –Third Sunday in Lent – Sermon By Reader James Lewis + Sunday School + Lent special talk by one of the local charities we support: St Barnabas College
Tues 26 Mar	8:00-8:30am – Morning Prayer 7.30pm-8.30pm Night Prayer & Meditation
Wed 27 Mar	10am-10.45am Holy Communion – Peaceful and Prayerful
Thurs 28 Mar	4pm-5pm Thanksgiving Service at Elmwood Care Home 6:00pm-6.30pm Evening Prayer 7:00-8:30pm Lent Course 2 Healing with Reader Peter Graystone
Fri 29 Mar	8.30am-3.30pm Community Payback Gardeners
Sat 30 Mar	10am-11am Parish Office open for Baptisms/Christenings & Weddings
Sun 31 Mar	10am-11:30am Fourth Sunday of Lent – Mothering Sunday and Cream Tea served by our Sunday School & Young People.

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

“Low self-esteem causes me to believe that I have so little worth that my response does not matter. With repentance, however, I understand that being worth so much to God is why my response is so important. Repentance is remedial work to mend our minds and hearts, which get bent by sin.”

— **John Ortberg, The Me I Want to Be: Becoming God's Best Version of You**

“There is no repentance where a man can talk lightly of sin, much less where he can speak tenderly and lovingly of it.” — **Charles H. Spurgeon**

Next Sunday's Readings – Fourth Sunday of Lent / Mothering Sunday

Exodus 2 – vv 1-10

2 Corinthians 1 – vv 3 –7

Luke 2 – vv 33-35

Psalms 34 – vv 11-20

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HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH – CROYDON

Third Sunday of Lent

24th March 2019

HYMN 1- 331 – The God of Abraham praise

Verse to be sung after the Kyrie

Forgive us, Lord, our endless greed
for what was never truly ours,
when, driven more by want than need,
we harness this world's brutal powers.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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 - Barbara

Isaiah 55:1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

⁶Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;

⁷let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

PSALM 63: vv 1-9

Deus, Deus meus.

O God, thou art my God : early will I seek thee.

2 My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh also longeth after thee : in a barren and dry land where no water is.

3 Thus have I looked for thee in holiness : that I might behold thy power and glory.

4 For thy loving-kindness is better than the life itself : my lips shall praise thee.

5 As long as I live will I magnify thee on this manner : and lift up my hands in thy Name.

6 My soul shall be satisfied, even as it were with marrow and fatness : when my mouth praiseth thee with joyful lips.

7 Have I not remembered thee in my bed : and thought upon thee when I was waking?

8 Because thou hast been my helper : therefore under the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.

9 My soul hangeth upon thee : thy right hand hath upholden me.

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING - Marie
1 Corinthians 10: 1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. ⁶Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come.

¹²So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Hymn 2 – 211 – Through the night

GOSPEL READING

Luke 13 : 1-9 Mitzi

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?" ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem?" ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." ⁶Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' ⁸He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Prayers of Intercession - Christine

We Pray Especially This Week:

- For those affected by the floods in Zimbabwe & Mozambique
- For Parliament at this time of indecision
- For our over busy local GP's and surgeries and for patients kept waiting for appointments & prescriptions.
- For our church building after the attempted break-in to the vestry window.
-For Tessa Carter in hospital.

We Pray for those Unwell in Body, Mind or Spirit

Rose N, Pam – Sue's friend, Brenda, Denise, Steve, Veronica, Geraldine & children, Viola, the Noble family, Uncle Ron, Liam, Darren & Lina, Trevor & family, Ernestine, Edith, Anthony, Lloyd, Simon & Samantha and Zak,, Pat, Mona, Sidney, Alexander, Tinashe, Feodora, Girish, Enid, Ethel, Pat & Enid, Bradley, Bridget, Josephine, Christine, Tessa, Ina, Tony, Noel, Irene, Ron, Avril & those we love. We pray for all the congregation.

† We pray for the souls of Pamela Hartwell, Wilfred Cotterell, Iris Stewart, Elsie Wren & we pray for all those mourning.

We Give Thanks and Praise:

- For the greenness of spring grass
- For the Southwark Vision event that took place in our church last Weds and to Barbara, Redva & Sue who helped.
- For our first Lent Healing course on Thurs
- For Denise's birthday cake last week
- For all God's generosity to us.

Offertory Hymn – 410– O Holy Father

Communion Hymns

Choir – Faithful Shepherd feed me
HHS 4 - Be still for the presence

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The 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 – 204 – Let us with a glad mind