

NOTICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Today	10:00 – 11:30am - Fifth Sunday of Easter + Sunday School + YPIG
Tues 21 May	7pm-8.30pm Public Spirit review and plans meeting in Vicarage 7:30-8:30pm – Night Prayer & meditation with Revd Peter
Wed 22 May	10am Holy Communion peaceful & prayerful
Thurs 23 May	6.00-6.30pm Evening Prayer 6:30-8:30pm – Confirmation Course 4 in Church *was Tues
Fri 24 May	11:30am – Funeral in Church of Steve Hoare – one of our congregation members – All are welcome - with reception afterwards in the Vicarage.
Sat 25 May	10am-11am Parish Office open for Baptisms/Christenings; Weddings and Hall bookings. 11:30am – 4:00pm – Parish Outing to Chaldon... Gather in church 11.30am – bring packed lunch.
Sun 26 May	10:00 – 11:30am - Sixth Sunday of Easter + Sunday School Reader James Lewis preaching + talk by charity Christian Family 12.30 Baptism of Oreque

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

“Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that.

Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that.”

— **Martin Luther King Jr., A Testament of Hope: The Essential Writings and Speeches**

“The 'commandment' of love is only possible because it is more than a requirement.

Love can be 'commanded' because it has first been given.”

— **Pope Benedict XVI (Joseph Ratzinger), God Is Love: Deus Caritas Est**

Next Sunday's Readings – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Ezekiel 37 – vv 1-14

Acts 16– 9-15

John 5 – vv 1-9

Psalm 67 – vv 1-7

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HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH – CROYDON

5th Sunday of Easter – 19th May 2019

HYMN 1- 332 – Christ is made the sure

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

OT Reading – Genesis 22 – vv 1-18 Sue

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.”² He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.”³ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him.⁴ On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away.⁵ Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.”⁶ Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together.⁷ Isaac said to his father Abraham, “Father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “The fire

and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?”⁸ Abraham said, “God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So the two of them walked on together.

⁹ When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son.¹¹ But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.”¹² He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.”¹³ And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son.¹⁴ So Abraham called that place “The Lord will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.”¹⁵ The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven,¹⁶ and said, “By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son,¹⁷ I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies,¹⁸ and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice

Psalm 148 – vv 1-13

Laudate Dominum

¹ 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. ⁷ Praise the Lord upon earth: ye dragons, and all deeps; ⁸ Fire and hail, snow and vapours: wind and storm, fulfilling his word; ⁹ Mountains and all hills: fruitful trees and all cedars; ¹⁰ Beasts and all cattle: worms and feathered fowls; ¹¹ Kings of the earth and all people: princes and all judges of the world; ¹² Young men and maidens, old men and children, praise the Name of the Lord: for his Name only is excellent, and his praise above heaven and earth. ¹³ He shall exalt the horn of his people; all his saints shall praise him: even the children of Israel, even the people that serveth him.

**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 – Acts 11 – vv 1-11- Sheri

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³ saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” ⁴ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵ “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶ As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷ I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ ⁸ But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ ⁹ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ ¹⁰ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹ At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were.

Hymn 2 117– Praise to the Holiest

Gospel– John 13– vv 31-35 Mitzi

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.

³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

**Prayers of Intercession – Marie
We Pray Especially This Week:**

- For in our UK parliament in the coming months and for unity for our country
- For those under strain with exams, dissertations or workload
- For new fundraising initiatives for our church building

We Pray for those Unwell in Body, Mind or Spirit

Shirley A, Vincent, Veronica, Aunt Hyacinth, Liz R, Rose N, Pam, Uncle Ron, Brenda, Denise & Christina, Denise & Mia & Ernestine, Edith, Anthony, Lloyd, Simon & Samantha and Zak,, Pat, Mona, Sidney, Alexander, Tinashe, Feodora, Girish, Enid, Ethel, Pat & Enid, Bradley, Bridget, Josephine, Tessa, Ina Tony, Noel, Irene, Ron, Avril. And all those we love.

† We pray for the souls of Steve Hoare and Alma Murinda. And we pray for all who are mourning.

We Give Thanks and Praise:

- For newly formed PCC's first meeting
- For the Baptism of baby Leon yesterday
- For our church friendships

Offertory Hymn – HHS 7 – God is our strength and refuge

Communion Hymns

135 – Rock of Ages

265 – O Thou who at Thy Eucharist

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **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 – HHS 20 – Jesus is Lord