

NOTICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Today	10am-11.30am – Advent 2 - Holy Communion and Sunday School Talk in notices about heat saving
Tues 10 Dec	8.00am-8.30am – Morning Prayer 7.30-8.30pm Night Prayer & Mindfulness Meditation
Weds 11 Dec	10am-10.45 Holy Communion peaceful & prayerful –
Thurs 12 Dec	<i>Election Day</i> 6.00pm-7pm - Evening prayer
Fri 13 Dec	7pm – 9pm Enlarged Choir Practice for Carol service – all very welcome
Sat 14 Dec	10am-11am Parish Office for baptisms (Christenings), Weddings and all bookings 2pm – 4pm Christmas Social Mix and Mingle in the hall 5pm – 6.30pm Come Carol Singing around this area – meet at church at 4.50pm
Sun 15 Dec	10am-11.30am Advent 3 - Holy Communion and Sunday School & & YPIG 5pm – 6.30pm – Our Traditional Carol Service – with mince pies and mulled wine afterwards

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

“I wanted to figure out why I was so busy, but I couldn't find the time to do it.”

– Todd Stocker

Next Sunday's Readings

OT Isaiah 35 – vv1-10;

NT James 5 – vv 7-10;

Gospel Matthew 11 –vv 2-11

The Magnificat

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HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH CROYDON

Second Sunday of Advent

8th December 2019

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Victoria

Isaiah 11: 1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. ²The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. ³His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek

of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. ⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.

⁷The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. ⁹They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

PSALM FOR THE DAY Psalm 72– 1-7

Laetatus sum

Deus, iudicium

Give the King thy judgements, O God : and thy righteousness unto the King's son.

² Then shall he judge thy people according unto right : and defend the poor.

³ The mountains also shall bring peace : and the little hills righteousness unto the people.

⁴ He shall keep the simple folk by their right : defend the children of the poor, and punish the wrong-doer.

5 They shall fear thee, as long as the sun and moon endureth : from one generation to another.

6 He shall come down like the rain into a fleece of wool : even as the drops that water the earth.

7 In his time shall the righteous flourish : yea, and abundance of peace, so long as the moon endureth.

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 – James- Romans 15: 4-13

⁴ For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵ May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶ so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷ Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸ For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹ and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, “Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name”; ¹⁰ and again he says, “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”; ¹¹ and again, “Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him”; ¹² and again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse shall

come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.”

¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Hymn 2: 24 – Hark a thrilling voice

GOSPEL READING - Matthew 3:1-12 Marie

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ² “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³ This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’” ⁴ Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶ and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁷ But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸ Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹ Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰ Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹ “I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

SERMON: Revd Catherine

INTERCESSIONS - Barbara

We Pray Especially This Week

-For this country in the general election next week and that trust in politics is restored.

-For Croydon Churches Floating Night Shelters for the homeless

-For a sense of calm amid all the preparations

-For our relatives in this country and abroad

We Pray for those Unwell in Body, Mind or Spirit - Cousin Abisha, The Lyle family, Feyemi, Murleen, Pamphilia, all those at 44 Kimberley, Ishmael, Mayfair & baby Jacob, Feodora, Lauren, Maria, Alison, Mother Jean Y, Miriam, Brenda, Denise, Denise, Mia & Ernestine, Simon and Samantha, Pat, Mona, Vida & Alexander, Tinashe, Girish, Enid, Ethel, Pat & Enid, Bridget, Ina, Tony, Noel, Irene, Ron, Avril. And all those we love.

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We Give Thanks and Praise

-For Christmas lights that brighten our streets and neighbourhoods

- For the gifts of food and toiletries to our foodbank boxes

- For loving families and close friends

- For God’s gift of forgiveness to us all

Offertory Hymn: 142 – Hail to the Lord’s anointed

The Hymns during Communion are 178 – Thy kingdom come 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.

Hymn 6 : 239 – Forth in Thy name