

## NOTICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Today	<b>10am-11:30 – Advent 4 - HC – James Lewis preaching with Baptism of baby Jacob – Ishmael &amp; Mayfair’s son</b>
Tues 24 Dec	<b>4:00pm – 5:00pm</b> – Crib-Christingle Service for children <b>11:00pm-12.15</b> Midnight Mass – the first service of Christmas
Weds 25 Dec	<b>10am-11.15</b> Christmas Day! Holy Communion- Family Service – At the back altar – and refreshments at back of church
Thurs 26 Dec	<i>No Evening Prayer</i>
Fri 27 Dec	<i>There will be no choir practice</i>
Sat 28 Dec	<i>Parish Office closed</i>
Sun 29 Dec	<b>10am-11:30 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas - Rev Peter Jones presiding and preaching</b>

### THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

*Everything comes to he who waits*

—Anon

*“For outlandish creatures like us, on our way to a heart, a brain, and courage, Bethlehem is not the end of our journey but only the beginning - not home but the place through which we must pass if ever we are to reach home at last.”*

— **Frederick Buechner, The Magnificent Defeat**



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## HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH CROYDON

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

**22<sup>nd</sup> December 2019**

#### **HYMN 1: 28 – Lo He comes with clouds**

***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**

#### **OLD TESTAMENT READING –Isaiah 7:10-16 : Murnell**

<sup>10</sup> Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying,

<sup>11</sup> Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.

<sup>12</sup> But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. <sup>13</sup> Then

Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also?

<sup>14</sup> Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. <sup>15</sup> He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows

how to refuse the evil and choose the good. <sup>16</sup> For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

#### **Psalm 80 vv 1-8 -Qui regis Israel**

Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep : shew thyself also, thou that sittest upon the cherubims.

2 Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasses : stir up thy strength, and come, and help us.

3 Turn us again, O God : shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

4 O Lord God of hosts : how long wilt thou be angry with thy people that prayeth?

5 Thou feedest them with the bread of tears : and givest them plenteousness of tears to drink.

6 Thou hast made us a very strife unto our neighbours : and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

7 Turn us again, thou God of hosts : shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

8 Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt : thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it.

***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 –  
Romans 1:1-7 - Sue**

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, <sup>2</sup> which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, <sup>3</sup> the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh <sup>4</sup> and was declared to be Son of God by power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, <sup>5</sup> through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, <sup>6</sup> including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, <sup>7</sup> To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Hymn 2: 26 – O Come, O Come Emmanuel**

**GOSPEL READING  
- Matthew 1:18-25**

<sup>18</sup> Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

<sup>19</sup> Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. <sup>20</sup> But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." <sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: <sup>23</sup> "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." <sup>24</sup> When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, <sup>25</sup> but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.



**INTERCESSIONS – Christine  
We Pray Especially This Week:**

*-For mothers everywhere – whether your children are young or grown up  
-For the world to be at peace this week  
-For those who find the dark evenings and short days difficult  
-For Mitzi who fell over in the street but is recovering well*

**We Pray for those Unwell in Body, Mind or Spirit:** *Geraldine, Gordon, 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.*

*† The souls of Uncle Tony, Cousin Hector, Rose Lawrence, Maurice, Joyce P, Marsha daughter of the Woodhouse family. We pray in loving memory of Dennis T. we pray for all those mourning.*

**We Give Thanks and Praise :**

*- That Avril is out of hospital  
-For beautiful singing & music at the Carol Service last week – and thanks to Alison - Lilian & Ron's daughter  
-For the liveliness of the Carol singing in Bensham Lane  
-For 'My Time Croydon' special needs group who came and donated the Christmas bags and boxes.*

**Offertory Hymn: 40 – O Little Town**

**Communion Hymns**

**360** – For Mary, Mother of our Lord

**256** – Let all mortal flesh

**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.

**Hymn 6 : 422 – Tell out my soul**