

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK

Today	10:00am-11:30am – Advent Sunday + Sunday School + Anointing & Baptism of Jessica & Tiffany 12noon-1.00pm Bring and Share lunch with Advent talk as we eat – ‘helping others’ by Peter - leader at Croydon Refugee Day Centre
Tues 3 Dec	8.00-8.30am – Morning Prayer 7.30pm-8.30pm Night Prayer with mindfulness meditation
Weds 4 Dec	10am-11.00am Holy Communion peaceful & prayerful 6:30pm-8pm – Multi Faith Candle Memorial Evening
Thurs 5 Dec	6:00pm-6.30pm – Evening Prayer
Friday 6 Dec	6:00pm – 7.00pm – Choir Practice – all welcome
Sat 7 Dec	10am-11am Parish Office for baptisms (Christenings), Weddings and all bookings
Sun 8 Dec	10:00am-11:30am – Advent 2 + Sunday School

THOUGHTS 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**

“Out of the Darkness, Into the Light: The Time before Christmas is the Time of Light and mutual Love.”

— **Sir Kristian Goldmund Aumann, 24 Days Until Christmas: 24 Christmas Poem**

Next Sunday's Readings – Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11 – vv 1-10

Romans 15 –4-13

Matthew 3 – vv 1-12

Psalms 72 – vv 1-7, 18-19

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HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH CROYDON

Advent Sunday

Sunday 1st December 2019

HYMN 1- 26 – O Come, O come Emmanuel

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 Isaiah 2 – vv 1-5 – Sue

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ²In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

³ Many peoples shall come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of

the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. ⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. ⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Psalms 122– vv 1-9

Laetatus sum

1 I was glad when they said unto me : We will go into the house of the Lord.

2 Our feet shall stand in thy gates : O Jerusalem.

3 Jerusalem is built as a city : that is at unity in itself.

4 For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord : to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord.

5 For there is the seat of judgement : even the seat of the house of David.

6 O pray for the peace of Jerusalem : they shall prosper that love thee.

7 Peace be within thy walls : and plenteousness within thy palaces.

8 For my brethren and companions' sakes : I will wish thee prosperity.

9 Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God : I will seek to do thee good.

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 Romans 13– vv 11- 14 – Sheri

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; ¹³ let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Hymn 2: 31 – Come Thou long expected Jesus

GOSPEL - Matthew 24– vv 36-44 James

³⁶ “But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in those days

before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man.

⁴⁰ Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left.

⁴¹ Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴² Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

⁴³ But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.



Sermon: Revd Catherine Tucker

INTERCESSIONS – Dan

We Pray Especially This Week:

-For an ease of tension in relationships in the lead up to Christmas – with our spouses, partners, immediate family and broader relatives.

-For afraid of debt or greater debt because of Christmas expenses

-For all at the Nehemiah house in Frederick Gardens and all those recovering from addiction.

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.*

† The souls of Uncle Tony, Cousin Hector, Rose Lawrence, Maurice, Joyce P, Marsha daughter of the Woodhouse family.

,and we pray for all those mourning.

We Give Thanks and Praise :

-For the Christmas Fayre yesterday

-For Alison making progress

-For a nice food & drink and laughter with friends

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