

NOTICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Today	10am-11:30 – Epiphany - (Incense) + Sunday School + Anointing 11:45am – Standing Committee meeting <i>Building and Finance meeting cancelled</i>
Tues 7 Jan	8.00am – Morning Prayer 7.30pm-8.30pm Night Prayer with mindfulness meditation
Weds 8 Jan	10am-10:45 Holy Communion- – Peaceful and Prayerful 6pm-8pm Public Spirit young peoples' leaders at St Luke's Woodside
Thurs 9 Jan	6:00pm-7:00pm – Evening Prayer
Fri 10 Jan	7:00pm – Choir Practice – all are welcome
Sat 11 Jan	Parish Office 10am-11am for Weddings and Baptisms and all bookings 2pm-4pm Senior's Mix & Mingle in church hall
Sun 12 Jan	10am-11:30 – The Baptism of Christ - + Sunday School + Baptism of Mary & Steve Adiodun's 4 children

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

*“Now the wren has gone to roost and the sky is turnin' gold
And like the sky my soul is also turnin'
Turnin' from the past, at last and all I've left behind”
— Ray Lamontagne, God Willin' & the Creek Don't Rise*

*“Small things start us in new ways of thinking”
— V.S. Naipaul, A Bend in the River*

Next Sunday's Readings – The Baptism of Christ
Isaiah 42– vv 1-9 - Acts 10 –34-43 - Matthew 3 – vv 13-17
Psalm 29 – vv 1-10

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HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH CROYDON

Epiphany

5th January 2020

HYMN 1: 52 – The people that in darkness sat

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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**

OT Isaiah 60 – vv 1-6 – Martin

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. ²For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. ⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Psalm 72– vv 10-15

¹⁰The kings of Tharsis and of the isles shall give presents : the kings of Arabia and Saba shall bring gifts.

¹¹All kings shall fall down before him : all nations shall do him service.

¹²For he shall deliver the poor when he crieth : the needy also, and him that hath no helper.

¹³He shall be favourable to the simple and needy : and shall preserve the souls of the poor.

¹⁴He shall deliver their souls from falsehood and wrong : and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

¹⁵He shall live, and unto him shall be given of the gold of Arabia : prayer shall be made ever unto him, and daily shall he be praised.

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 Ephesians 3– vv 1-12 –Victoria

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—² for surely you have already heard of the commission of God’s grace that was given me for you,³ and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words,⁴ a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ.⁵ In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit:⁶ that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.⁷ Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God’s grace that was given me by the working of his power.⁸ Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ,⁹ and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things;¹⁰ so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.¹¹ This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord,¹² in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him

Hymn 2: 49 – O Worship the Lord

Gospel Matthew 2– vv 1-12 James

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem,² asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.”³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him;⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.⁵ They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶ ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared.⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.”⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then,

opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

INTERCESSIONS – Dan

We Pray Especially This Week:

-For those in Australia amid the fires.

-For those in Iran which has become a warzone.

-For those who losing their homes.

-For those who feel unloved today.

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 our families and close friends.

† The soul of Audrey Dixon

We pray in loving memory of Daphne T. and Alec L and we pray for all those mourning.

We Give Thanks and Praise :

-For God’s love in our lives

-For the newly polished hall floor

-For Miriam and Shirley’s flower arrangements

-For new realisations and new plans and new beginnings in a new year

Offertory Hymn: HHS 41 We three Kings

Communion Hymns

42– In the bleak midwinter

HHS 12 – To Him we come

Post Communion Prayer

Post Communion

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, 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 : 51 As with gladness men of old