

NOTICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

- Today** 10am-11:30 – Third Sunday of Epiphany – + Sunday School
With guest priest Revd Peter Jones and James to preach
**** please see pictures of last week's service – and sign photo consent forms if you have not already done so for this church**
12 noon – Pastoral Action Team meeting in Choir room
12.30-2.30pm Public Spirit Deanery Young People & leaders at Holy Saviour in Church – all welcome to stay & watch
- Tues 28 Jan** 8:00am-8:30am – Morning Prayer
7:30pm – 8:30pm – Night Prayer with mindfulness meditation
- Weds 29 Jan** 10am-10.45 Holy Communion peaceful & prayerful –
- Thurs 30 Jan** 6:00pm-6.30pm – Evening Prayer
- Fri 31 Jan** 7pm-8pm Choir Practice – all welcome
6pm-7pm Safer Neighbourhood Police panel meeting at 439b London Road – our new police friends Sunil & James will be there.
- Sat 1 Feb** 10am-11am Parish Office for baptisms (Christenings), Weddings and all bookings
- Sun 2 Feb** 10am-11:30 – Fourth Sunday of Epiphany – **Candlemas** + Sunday School + Holy Anointing
**** Please bring glass candle holders as a donation to the church**
12 noon-1.15pm – Faith Action Team Meeting in choir room

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

*“When you get to the end of all the light you know and it's time to step into the darkness of the unknown, faith is knowing that one of two things shall happen: either you will be given something solid to stand on, or you will be taught how to fly.” – **Edward Teller***

*“We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light.” – **Plato***

“Just remember, a dark shadow needs light to exist but light doesn't need darkness to be luminous.”

— **Gwen Hayes, *Dreaming Awake***

Next Sunday's Readings – Epiphany 4 - Candlemas

Malachi 3– vv 1-5 – Hebrews 2 vv 14-18 - Luke 2 – vv 22-40

Psalm 24 – vv 1--10

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HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH CROYDON

Third Sunday of Epiphany

26th January 2020

HYMN 1: 312 – Jesus calls us

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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**

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Marie

Isaiah 9:1-4

1 But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—

on them light has shined.

3 You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

4 For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Psalm 27:1, 4-12

Dominus illuminatio

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear : the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

4 One thing have I desired of the Lord, which I will require : even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the fair beauty of the Lord, and to visit his temple.

5 For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his tabernacle : yea, in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me, and set me up upon a rock of stone.

6 And now shall he lift up mine head : above mine enemies round about me.

7 Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness : I will sing, and speak praises unto the Lord.

8 Hearken unto my voice, O Lord, when I cry unto thee : have mercy upon me, and hear me.

9 My heart hath talked of thee, Seek ye my face : Thy face, Lord, will I seek.

10 O hide not thou thy face from me : nor cast thy servant away in displeasure.

11 Thou hast been my succour : leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

12 When my father and my mother forsake me : the Lord taketh me up.

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 – Sarah –
1 Corinthians 1: 10-18**

¹⁰ Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose.

¹¹ For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters.

¹² What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³ Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Hymn 2: 96 – Bright the vision

**GOSPEL READING – Matthew 4:12-23
Mitzi**

¹² Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵ "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—¹⁶ the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." ¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." ¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. ²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

- For the world's awareness on Climate change
- For those suffering with the virus in China and those mourning
- For better waste collection and an end to fly tipping in this area
- For those who cannot find Christ in their lives
- For Pearl travelling to Ghana

We Pray for those Unwell in Body, Mind or Spirit: Trevor, Cousin Zen, Cousin Michael, 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, Tinashe, Girish, Enid, Ethel, Pat & Enid, Bridget, Ina, Tony, Noel, Irene, Ron, Avril. And all those we love

☞ The souls of Yvonne Trotman SPA & Daniel Collins. We pray in loving memory of Daphne T. and Alec L and we pray for all those mourning.

We Give Thanks and Praise:

- For our potted plants in our homes and early buds of spring in gardens
- for difficult issues that get resolved
- For our Sunday School and Young People's eco-presentation last week
- For our Sunday School teachers
- For the work of our SPAs Mitzi & Marie
- For all you many people who come to this church!

Offertory Hymn: 343- Be Thou my vision

Communion Hymns.

115 – Dear Lord and Father
233 – O Thou who camest

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **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 : HHS 30- To God be the glory