

NOTICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Today	10am-11:30 3 rd Sunday before Lent + Sunday School 12 noon-1pm – MAT meeting in the church
Tues 11 Feb	8:00am-8:30am – Morning Prayer 7:30pm-8:15pm – Night Prayer & Meditation
Weds 12 Feb	10am-10.45 Holy Communion peaceful & prayerful –
Thurs 13 Feb	6:00pm – 6.30pm – Evening Prayer
Fri 14 Feb	Happy St Valentine's Day 10am-12noon 'L&G' Litter pick & Gardening in the church grounds this is now a regular thing organised by Churchwarden Dan and will happen every week – please give your time – even once a month would help – it's fresh air and exercise! 7pm-8pm Choir Practice – all welcome
Sat 15 Feb	10am-11am Parish Office for baptisms (Christenings), Weddings and all bookings with Marie's refreshments 7,00pm -9.00pm – Fish and Chip Supper, Quiz (Ticket Only)
Sun 16 Feb	10am-11:30 – Second Sunday before Lent + Sunday School + YPIG

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

*"A sacrifice to be real must cost, must hurt, and must empty ourselves. Give yourself fully to God. He will use you to accomplish great things on the condition that you believe much more in his love than in your weakness." — **Mother Teresa***

*"You have to find what sparks a light in you so that you in your own way can illuminate the world." — **Oprah Winfrey***

Next week's readings – 2nd before Lent

OT -Genesis 1-1-2.3; N-T Romans 8 – 18-25; Gospel - Matthew 6 – 25-34;
Psalm 136 vv 1-9, 23-26

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HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH CROYDON

3rd Sunday before Lent

9th February 2020

HYMN 1: 162 – Jesus where'er Thy people meet

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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 Reading – Isaiah 58:1-9a Lillian

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.² Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God.³ "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers.⁴ Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.⁵ Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day

acceptable to the Lord?⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.⁹ Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

Psalm 112 :1-10

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Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord : he hath great delight in his commandments.

2 His seed shall be mighty upon earth : the generation of the faithful shall be blessed.

3 Riches and plenteousness shall be in his house: and his righteousness endureth for ever.

4 Unto the godly there ariseth up light in the darkness : he is merciful, loving, and righteous.

5 A good man is merciful, and lendeth : and will guide his words with discretion.

6 For he shall never be moved : and the righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance.

7 He will not be afraid of any evil tidings : for his heart standeth fast, and believeth in the Lord.

8 His heart is established, and will not shrink : until he see his desire upon his enemies.

9 He hath dispersed abroad, and given to the poor : and his righteousness remaineth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour.

10 The ungodly shall see it, and it shall grieve him : he shall gnash with his teeth, and consume away; the desire of the ungodly shall perish.

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 Reading – 1 Corinthians 2: 1-12
Martin**

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³ And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴ My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. ⁶ Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. ⁷ But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸ None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him" — ¹⁰ these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit;

for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Hymn 473 – I come with joy

Gospel Reading – Matthew 5:13-20 Mitzi

¹³ "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled underfoot. ¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. ¹⁷ "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Sermon – Revd. Catherine Tucker

INTERCESSIONS – Barbara

We Pray Especially This Week:

- For those affected by violent incidents in Streatham and East Croydon and for peace in our community
- For St Jude's Church Thornton Heath in a time of uncertainty
- For our parents, especially Maklin – Adama's father-in-law- ill in Sierra Leone
- for carers – especially Melinda, Enid's carer, now in hospital

We Pray for those Unwell in Body,

Mind or Spirit: Jenny, Nelson, Edit, Trevor, Shirley, Cousin Zen, Cousin Michael, Geraldine, Gordon, Cousin Abisha, Feyemi, all those at 44 Kimberley Rd and Christopher, Ishmael, Mayfair & baby Jacob, Maria, Alison, Miriam, Brenda, Denise, 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 Keith Sutherland, Yvonne Trotman SPA & Daniel Collins. We pray for all those mourning.

We Give Thanks and Praise:

- That Mthr Jean Yearwood is much recovered and back at church
- For Deanery Synod good discussion
- For all the new glass candle holders donated and now in use in church
- For bright sunny days
- For the work of our Churchwardens Dan & Redva

Offertory Hymn: 265– O Thou who at Thy Eucharist

Communion Hymns.

**102– My God how wonderful
403– Now let us from this table rise**

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where 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 :204- Let us with a gladsome mind