

NOTICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Today	10am-11:30 – Second Sunday before Lent + Sunday School + YPIG 12 noon Mission Action Team meeting (as last week's storm)
Mon 17 Feb	Half term starts
Tues 18 Feb	8:00am-8:30am – Morning Prayer 7:30pm-8:15pm – Night Prayer & Meditation
Weds 19 Feb	10am-10.45 Holy Communion peaceful & prayerful –
Thurs 20 Feb	6:00pm –6.30pm – Evening Prayer
Fri 21 Feb	10am-12noon 'L&G' Litter pick & Gardening in the church grounds with Dan 3pm meet here to leave for Public Spirit Residential weekend Come and wave us off !
Sat 22 Feb	10am-11am Parish Office for baptisms (Christenings), Weddings and all bookings – covered by Churchwardens 10am-5pm come and visit Public Spirit for an hour or two Carrotty Wood Higham Ln, Tonbridge TN11 9QX
Sun 23 Feb	10am-11:30 – Sunday before Lent – The Transfiguration + Sunday School + Revd Peter Jones presiding, James Lewis preaching + 4pm Public Spirit arrive back here

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

"I think God, in creating man, somewhat overestimated his ability."

— Oscar Wilde

"A blank piece of paper is God's way of telling us how hard it is to be God."

— Sidney Sheldon

Next week's readings – Sunday before Lent

OT – Exodus 24 – 12-18; N-T – 2 Peter 1 – 16-2, ; Gospel - Matthew 17 – 1-9;
Psalm 99 vv 1-9

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HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH CROYDON

2nd Sunday before Lent

16th February 2020

HYMN 1: 336 – All my hope on God is founded

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. **Amen**

OT Reading – Genesis 1-2.3 Barbara

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. ⁶And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. ⁹And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

¹¹ Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. ¹⁴ And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶ God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. ²⁰ And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." ²¹ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. ²⁴ And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every

kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." ²⁷ So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." ²⁹ God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ² And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

Psalms 136:1-9 Confitemini

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious : and his mercy endureth for ever.
2 O give thanks unto the God of all gods : for his mercy endureth for ever.
3 O thank the Lord of all lords : for his mercy endureth for ever.

4 Who only doeth great wonders : for his mercy endureth for ever.
5 Who by his excellent wisdom made the heavens : for his mercy endureth for ever.
6 Who laid out the earth above the waters : for his mercy endureth for ever.
7 Who hath made great lights : for his mercy endureth for ever;
8 The sun to rule the day : for his mercy endureth for ever;
9 The moon and the stars to govern the night : for his mercy endureth for ever.

NT Reading – Romans 8:18-25 Christine

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Hymn 2: 238 – Blest are the pure in heart

Gospel – Matthew 6: 25-34 Marie

²⁵ "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your

heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you— you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' ³² For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ "So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

INTERCESSIONS – Marie

We Pray Especially This Week:

- For those affected by storm Dennis
- For those feeling anxious due to the Jamaican deportation
- For animal rights especially in China
- For

We Pray for those Unwell in Body, Mind or Spirit: Jenny, Nelson, Edit, 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:

- For green grass and lots of rain!
- For daffodils and buds in our gardens
- For chatting with friends & fellowship, For health and strength
- For our Fish & Chips night

Offertory Hymn: 80– Alleluia, alleluia

Communion Hymns.

**112 – God moves in a mysterious way
HHS 33 – I cannot tell**

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; 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 : 194- King of Glory