

## NOTICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

The Church will be Open at the following days/times every week for people to individually come in for prayer and quiet reflection:

**Tuesday evenings 6pm-9pm**

**Wednesday mornings 7am -12noon**

**Thursday evenings 6pm-9pm**

**Friday evenings 6pm-8pm**

**Saturday mornings 10am-12noon**

**Sunday mornings 8am-12noon**

**-We suggest that you light a candle or lantern at home every day at 7pm and say the Lord's Prayer – then we will know we are praying together.**

**The Church bell will be rung at 7pm each day.**

**-Friday morning – 10am-12noon – You are asked to/welcome to come and help with Litter Pick & Gardening – and children are welcome to play in the garden – obviously keeping social distance.**

- The Holy Saviour Ministry Team will be holding Communion Services on Wednesdays and Sundays at the usual times and during Holy Week & Easter to hold the church calendar going. This will not be public worship but an offering of prayer and praise for our church community, our wider community, our nation and for the world. The church bell will be rung just before these services, so you and the community know we are praying.

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### THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

"I won't try to describe how deeply I mourn her passing still. I know that she was the kindest, most generous spirit I have ever known, and that what is best in me I owe to her." — **Barack Obama, Dreams from My Father: A Story of Race and**

#### **Inheritance**

"She was her own Enigma Code and me and my dad were not Bletchley Park."  
— **Jeanette Winterson, Why Be Happy When You Could Be Normal?**

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### **Next Sunday's Readings – Fifth Sunday of Lent – Passiontide begins**

**Ezekiel 37 – vv 1-14 Romans 8 – vv 6 –11 John 11 – vv 1-27 Psalm 130 – vv 1-8**

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## HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH CROYDON

### Mothers' Sunday

**22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020**

#### **HYMN 1: 104– For the beauty**

#### **COLLECT FOR THE DAY**

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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 – Exodus 2: 1-10**

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman.

<sup>2</sup>The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months.

<sup>3</sup>When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. <sup>4</sup>His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

<sup>5</sup>The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. <sup>6</sup>When

she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. <sup>7</sup>Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" <sup>8</sup>Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. <sup>9</sup>Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. <sup>10</sup>When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

#### **Psalm 34: 11-20**

<sup>11</sup> Come, ye children, and hearken unto me : I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

<sup>12</sup> What man is he that lusteth to live : and would fain see good days?

<sup>13</sup> Keep thy tongue from evil : and thy lips, that they speak no guile.

<sup>14</sup> Eschew evil, and do good : seek peace, and ensue it.

<sup>15</sup> The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous : and his ears are open unto their prayers.

<sup>16</sup> The countenance of the Lord is against them that do evil : to root out

the remembrance of them from the earth.

<sup>17</sup> The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth them: and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

<sup>18</sup> The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart : and will save such as be of an humble spirit.

<sup>19</sup> Great are the troubles of the righteous : but the Lord delivereth him out of all.

<sup>20</sup> He keepeth all his bones : so that not one of them is broken.

***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 – 2 Corinthians 1: 3-7**

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, <sup>4</sup> who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. <sup>5</sup> For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. <sup>6</sup> If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. <sup>7</sup> Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our

sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

**Hymn 2: 116 – All things bright and beautiful**

**Gospel – Luke 2: 33-35**

<sup>33</sup> And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup> Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed <sup>35</sup> so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too."



## **INTERCESSIONS**

### ***We Pray Especially This Week:***

- *That God will give us, our neighbours and our country - strength, wisdom and every spiritual blessing at this time*  
- *for our Prime Minister, Chancellor and Parliament*  
- *For our mothers and those who have been like mothers to us*  
- *For our families elsewhere in the country abroad*

***We Pray for those Unwell in Body, Mind or Spirit:*** *Neighbour Veronica, grandson Zaysahwn, Adama, Christine, Chris, Cummings Family, Jenny, Nelson, Edit, Shirley, Cousin Zen, Cousin Michael, Geraldine, Gordon, 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 Adama's father-in-law Maclean Amara, Denise's Aunt Stella. We pray for all those mourning.*

### ***We Give Thanks and Praise:***

- *For beautiful spring flowers, blossom and green grass*  
*For the new insights into 'how we live' this crisis is bringing*  
*For our friends and families*  
*For God's gift of life and protection*

**Offertory Hymn: 394 – Lord of all hopefulness**

### **Communion Hymns.**

**360– For Mary mother**

**HHS 50 – Make me a channel**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; 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 : 198 – Ye Holy Angels bright**