

NOTICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

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| Today | 10:00am-11:30 - Lent 3 + Sunday School + Young Peoples' Group |
| Tues 17 Mar | 8:00 -8:30am – Morning Prayer 7:30pm-8:30pm – Night Prayer with Meditation |
| Weds 18 Mar | 10am-10.45 Holy Communion peaceful & prayerful |
| Thurs 19 Mar | 4.30-7.30pm Local residents' consultation on new use of car park on Bensham lane – in church gallery 7:30pm – 9:00pm – Eco-Lent Course 2 with Marie on Animals at the Vicarage - doors open 7pm. |
| Fri 20 Mar | 10am-12noon 'L&G' Litter pick & Gardening in the church grounds with Dan 7pm-8pm Choir Practice for Mothering Sunday – all welcome |
| Sat 21 Mar | 10am-11am Parish Office for baptisms (Christenings), Weddings and all bookings |
| Sun 22 Mar | 10:00am-11:30 – Mothering Sunday + 'afternoon' Tea! |

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

“There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle.”

— **Albert Einstein**

“Sometimes beautiful things come into our lives out of nowhere. We can't always understand them, but we have to trust in them. I know you want to question everything, but sometimes it pays to just have a little faith.”

— **Lauren Kate, Torment**

“Don't ever get to the point where you can't be taught because life is a classroom and everyone owns a pen.”

— **Shannon L. Alder**

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HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH CROYDON

Third Sunday of Lent

15th March 2020

HYMN 1: 331– The God of Abraham praise – omit starred verses *

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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 – Exodus 17: 1-7 Sue

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” ⁴So Moses cried out to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” ⁵The Lord said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on

the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

Psalm 95:1-11 - Venite, exultemus

O come, let us sing unto the Lord : let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving : and shew ourselves glad in him with psalms.

3 For the Lord is a great God : and a great King above all gods.

4 In his hand are all the corners of the earth : and the strength of the hills is his also.

5 The sea is his, and he made it : and his hands prepared the dry land.

6 O come, let us worship and fall down : and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

7 For he is the Lord our God : and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

8 To-day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts : as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness;

9 When your fathers tempted me : proved me, and saw my works.

10 Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said : It is a people that do err in their hearts, for they have not known my ways;

11 Unto whom I swear in my wrath : that they should not enter into my rest.

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 – Romans 5: 1-11 Pearl

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Hymn 2: 156 – Come down O love Gospel – John 4: 5-26 Mitzi

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.

⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."

⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?"

¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." ¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" ¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." ²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.

²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." ²⁶Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

INTERCESSIONS – Christine

We Pray Especially This Week:

That the world comes together in this virus crisis – that it brings us together in community more than it divides us in fear. That we look out for one another, especially thinking of our elderly neighbours and friends.

That share our resources: food stocks, hand gel and all the basics.

That we care for our families near and far And as God says 'do not be afraid'.

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 yellow daffodils and spring flowers
- For lighter mornings and evenings
- For PCC on becoming an Eco-Church
- For a great start to our Eco Lent course and Mitzi's biblical reflection on land.

Offertory Hymn: 410– O Holy Father God most dear

Communion Hymns.

HHS 17 – As the deer pants

HHS 4– Be still, for the presence

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; 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 : 172 – Glorious things