

HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH CROYDON

Advent Sunday

Sunday 27th November 2022

HYMN 1- 24 – Hark a Thrilling Voice is sounding

During the lighting of the Patriarchal Advent Candle we sing:

Advent candles tell their story

As we watch and pray:

Longing for the day of glory

'Come, Lord soon' we say.

Pain and sorrow, tears and sadness

Changed for gladness on that day

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

OT Isaiah 2 – vv 1-5 – Sheri

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ² In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

³ Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of

the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. ⁴ He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. ⁵ O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Psalm 122– vv 1-9

Laetatus sum

I was glad when they said unto me: We will go into the house of the Lord.

² Our feet shall stand in thy gates: O Jerusalem.

³ Jerusalem is built as a city: that is at unity in itself.

⁴ For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord: to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord.

⁵ For there is the seat of judgement: even the seat of the house of David.

⁶ O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.

⁷ Peace be within thy walls: and plenteousness within thy palaces.

⁸ For my brethren and companions' sakes: I will wish thee prosperity.

⁹ Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God: I will seek to do thee good.

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 Romans 13– vv 11- 14 – Barbara

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; ¹³ let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Hymn 2 - 25 – The Advent of our King

GOSPEL - Matthew 24– vv 36-44

³⁶ “But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in those days

before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴² Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.



INTERCESSIONS – Christine

We Pray Especially This Week:

- For parents who cannot afford presents for their children
- For those losing pay through strikes

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

Rev Peter's wife Jennifer, Brandon, Claudine, Billy's Uncle Richard, Barbara G, Margaret L, Janine H, Janet & John J, Stephen Mc, Geraldine, Sandra, Kat's sister Christine, Jean, Sarah's mother Fedora, Veronica F's friend, Matt, Tabitha's aunt, Brenda, Stephanie, Cyril, Minnie, Alexander, Cousin Zen, all at 44 Kimberley Road & Christopher, Miriam, Denise M, Ernestine, Simon & Samantha, Girish, Pat & Enid, Bridget, Adrian, Ron and all those we know and love

✠ We pray for the souls of Lorraine Cresswell and Janet Titus

✠ May light perpetual shine upon them, May they rest in peace

And rise in Glory

We pray for those who mourn

We Give Thanks and Praise:

- For the advent of a new priest for Holy Saviour
- For the hard work of Revd Ada during our interregnum

Prayer for our new Incumbent

Heavenly Father, we joyfully thank you for answering our prayers. With the appointment of our new incumbent, Revd Tomos Reed, we are now beginning a new stage of our journey. Help us to be united in support, as we extend a warm and godly welcome. Keep your call fresh in his heart and constantly renew his spirit as he prepares for the work within the church and the wider community. Strengthen and guide him too for the challenges that lie ahead. Lord, as we rely on you, we have that re-assurance knowing that we have a future filled with hope.

AMEN

Offertory – 26 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Communion Hymns.

8– Hail Gladdening Light

31– Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Post Communion Prayer

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Final Hymn: 28 Lo He Comes

NOTICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Please stay at home if you have cold or flu-like symptoms.

- Today** **10.00am-11.15am** – Holy Communion Service – Advent Sunday
Revd Ada presiding and Reader James preaching + Sunday school
Refreshments in the hall after the service.
- Tues 29 Nov** **7.30pm-8.30pm** – Night Prayer with mindfulness and meditation
- Weds 30 Nov** **10am-10.45am** Midweek Service in church
- Thurs 1 Dec** **7.30pm-8.15pm** – Bible Study, led by James
- Sat 3 Dec** **10am** – Prayer for Healing and Wholeness in church
10.30am-11.30am Holy Dusters & Parish Office for baptisms
(Christenings), Weddings and all bookings
- Sun 4 Dec** **10am-11.15am** – Holy Communion – Second Sunday of Advent. Revd
Peter Jones presiding and preaching.

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

“At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving others with God's own love and concern.”

— *Mother Teresa, Love: A Fruit Always in Season*

“Out of the Darkness, Into the Light: The Time before Christmas is the Time of Light and mutual Love.”

— *Sir Kristian Goldmund Aumann, 24 Days Until Christmas: 24 Christmas Poem*

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Next Sunday's Readings – Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11 – vv 1-10

Romans 15 – 4-13

Matthew 3 – vv 1-12

Psalm 72 – vv 1-7

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