

Holy Saviour Church, Croydon

Dedication Festival – 25th June 2023

Entrance Hymn: 163– *Angel voices ever singing*

Hymn Before the Gospel: 283 – *Blessed City, Heavenly Salem (vv1-4,9)*

Offertory Hymn: 262 – *Alleluia, sing to Jesus*

Communion Hymn(s): 256 – *Let all mortal flesh*; **97** – *Father of Heaven*

Final Hymn: 171 – *Thy hand O God has guided*

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer: we praise you for the many blessings you have given to those who worship you here: and we pray that all who seek you in this place may find you, and, being filled with the Holy Spirit, may become a living temple acceptable to you; 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 forever. **Amen**

FIRST READING 1 Kings 8: 22-30 – Lilian

²² Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of the whole assembly of Israel and spread out his hands to heaven. ²³ He said, “O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love with your servants who walk before you with all their heart, ²⁴ the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. ²⁵ Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, ‘There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.’ ²⁶ Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed that you promised to your servant my father David.

²⁷ “But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! ²⁸ Regard your servant’s prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today, ²⁹ that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, ‘My name shall be there,’ that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. ³⁰ Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; hear and forgive.

PSALM 122: 1-9

Laetatus sum

1 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

SECOND READING Revelation 21:9-14 – Barbara

⁹Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, "Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb." ¹⁰And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. ¹¹It has the glory of God and a radiance like a very rare jewel, like jasper, clear as crystal. ¹²It has a great, high wall with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates are inscribed the names that are the names of the twelve tribes of the Israelites: ¹³on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. ¹⁴And the wall of the city has twelve foundations, and on them are the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

GOSPEL – Matthew 21:12-16

¹²Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. ¹³He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you are making it a den of robbers."¹⁴The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. ¹⁵But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did and heard the children crying out in the temple and saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they became angry ¹⁶and said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read, 'Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself?'"

INTERCESSIONS – Christine

We pray especially this week for: *Those struggling with the heat; foster parents*

We Give Thanks and Praise for: *our Bishops; Our church on its birthday*

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

Stacey's mum Debbie, Finn, Tony, Julie and her father, Billy, Jacob, Ellie and her mother, Roger, Trudy's sister Sally, Christine C, Rev Peter's wife Jennifer, Brandon, 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, Brenda, Stephanie, Cyril, Minnie, Alexander, Cousin Zen, all at 44 Kimberley Road & Christopher, Miriam, Denise M, Enid, Simon & Samantha, Girish, Pat, Adrian, Ron and all those we know and love.

We pray for those who mourn

✠ **We pray for the souls** of Lucas Sutton, Dorcas Goto, and Ben Attabonsu
May light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. **And rise in glory.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Father in heaven, whose Church on earth is a sign of your heavenly peace, an image of the new and eternal Jerusalem: grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage that, fed with the living bread of heaven, and united in the body of your Son, we may be the temple of your presence, the place of your glory on earth, and a sign of your peace in the world; 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.

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For Baptisms (Christenings) and Weddings, please speak to or contact the Vicar

Services this Week

Today	Morning Prayer is said in church at 9.00am on Tues, Wed and Thurs 10.00am Parish Eucharist: Dedication Service: Fr Tomos presiding and Reader James Preaching; Sunday School and birthday refreshments after the service
Tues 27 June	7.30pm – Night Prayer on Zoom (see weekly email for link)
Weds 28 June	10.00am – Midweek Holy Communion
Sat 1 July	10.00am-10.30am – Prayer for Healing and Wholeness – followed by the Holy Dusters
Sun 2 July	10.00am – Parish Eucharist: Trinity 4: Fr Tomos presiding and Preaching; 12 Noon – Baptism

Other Notices

6 July **Operation Forgiveness** is an early intervention knife crime initiative that equips young people with the power of forgiveness. It's delivered by local churches to local schools. On 6 July (7.30pm-9pm Nasmith House, 175 Tower Bridge Road, London, SE1 2AH), we've had an invitation with other churches across the diocese to experience Operation Forgiveness for ourselves to find out how we at Holy Saviour can potentially get involved. The Vicar has registered to attend - please let the Vicar know if you would like to join him, as it would be useful to have more than one parish representative present.

10 Jun-16 Jul **Trees4Croydon** is a mass participation and engagement initiative to raise money for tree-planting projects in disadvantaged areas of Croydon, including the Broad Green Canterbury Rd area. Teams and their participating members do not have to fundraise, but instead their primary ask is to participate by walking/running/cycling either together or individually. The more miles people are able to record, the more funding for tree planting will be unlocked by corporate and other sponsors. In order to take part, you need to do the following:

1. Download the new **atlasgo: wellbeing app** onto your smartphone
2. Enter the code t4c2023, and create a new account
3. Join the Vicar in the team **Holy Saviour Parish**

See the poster in church for more details.

Croydon Volunteer Independent Visitors Do you have the time and the skills to help provide support to a young person in care once or twice a month? Find out more online at www.croydon.gov.uk/iv

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