

Holy Saviour Church, Croydon

Trinity 7 –23rd July 2023

Entrance Hymn: 1 *Awake my soul and with the sun vv 1-4, 8*

Hymn Before the Gospel: HHS 52 – *Blessed Assurance*

Offertory Hymn: 176 – *Happy are they, they that love God*

Communion Hymn(s): HHS 65 – *Nearer my God to Thee*; **HHS 73** – *To Him we come*

Final Hymn: HHS 95 – *To God be the Glory*

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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**

FIRST READING Isaiah 44: 6-8 – Sue

⁶ Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:
I am the first, and I am the last; besides me there is no god.

⁷ Who is like me? Let them proclaim it; let them declare and set it forth before me.
Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be.

⁸ Do not fear or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one.

PSALM 86: 11-17

¹¹ Teach me thy way, O Lord, and I will walk in thy truth : O knit my heart unto thee, that
I may fear thy Name. ¹² I will thank thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart : and will
praise thy Name for evermore. ¹³ For great is thy mercy toward me : and thou hast
delivered my soul from the nethermost hell. ¹⁴ O God, the proud are risen against me :
and the congregations of naughty men have sought after my soul, and have not set thee
before their eyes. ¹⁵ But thou, O Lord God, art full of compassion and mercy : long-
suffering, plenteous in goodness and truth.

¹⁶ O turn thee then unto me, and have mercy upon me : give thy strength unto thy
servant, and help the son of thine handmaid.

¹⁷ Shew some token upon me for good, that they who hate me may see it and be
ashamed : because thou, Lord, hast holpen me and comforted me.

***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 Romans 8:12-25 – Sheri

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— ¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. 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 enslavement 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 together as it suffers together the pains of labor, 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 one already sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

GOSPEL – Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

²⁴ He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵ but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ ²⁸ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹ But he replied, ‘No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn. ³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷ He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers. ⁴² and they will into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

INTERCESSIONS – Christine

We pray especially this week for: *Teachers starting their summer breaks; Children*

We Give Thanks and Praise for: *Our churchwardens; Our PCC*

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, Ben Attabonsu and Selena Lau

May light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. **And rise in glory.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves
the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup,
we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and
reigns, now and for ever. **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	10.00am – Parish Eucharist: Trinity 7: Fr Tomos presiding and Preaching;
Tues 25 July	7.30pm – Night Prayer and Bible Study on Zoom (see weekly email for link)
Weds 26 July	10.00am – Morning Prayer
Sat 29 July	10.30am - Holy Dusters
Sun 30 July	10.00am – Parish Eucharist: Trinity 8: Fr Tomos presiding and Reader James Preaching + Sunday School

Other Notices

Sat 29 July	London Prayer and Worship Festival This event, celebrating the unity in the Body of Christ is taking place in Trafalgar Square on Sunday 29 July from 1pm. It will consist of prayers, worship, sharing of testimonies, and Communion. A flyer with more information is attached to this email. Additional information can be found at https://www.kivinternational.org/
Sun 30 July	Our final Sunday School of the 2022/23 academic year will be taking place on Sunday 29 July. All are welcome! Sunday School will take a break in August and then return in September.
Sun 3 Sept	The Rt Rev'd The Lord Bishop of Southwark will be presiding and preaching at the Parish Eucharist on Sunday 3 Sept. Please save the date in your diary so that we can give Bishop Christopher a warm Holy Saviour welcome!

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

A message from Trees4Croydon

We have now completed our 5-week challenge of moving for trees, and we have achieved amazing things together. At the time of writing we have hit **39,094** miles over 5 weeks, with 559 registered participants and an estimated 280 further people represented. Over 10,000 individual activities recorded, 838 pictures posted, 3,928 likes and comments. We featured 17 group activities on the website that were led by one of the teams. We have now secured £40,264 for the tree planting and green spaces.

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