

Holy Saviour Church, Croydon

Harvest Festival – 24th September 2023

Entrance Hymn: 289 – *Come, ye thankful people, come*

Hymn Before the Gospel: 101 – *O Worship the King, all glorious above*

Offertory Hymn: 290 – *We plough the fields and scatter*

Communion Hymn(s): HHS 41 – *Fair waved the golden corn*; **HHS 47** – *Amazing Grace*

Final Hymn: 204 – *Let us with a Gladsome Mind*

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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 Deuteronomy 8: 7-18 – Barbara

⁷ For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, ⁸ a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey, ⁹ a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. ¹⁰ You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you. ¹¹ “Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes that I am commanding you today. ¹² When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them ¹³ and when your herds and flocks have multiplied and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, ¹⁴ then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, ¹⁵ who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock. ¹⁶ He fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you and in the end to do you good. ¹⁷ Do not say to yourself, ‘My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth.’ ¹⁸ But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

PSALM 65: 8-14

⁸ They also that dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth shall be afraid at thy tokens : thou that makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to praise thee. ⁹ Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it : thou makest it very plenteous. ¹⁰ The river of God is full of water : thou preparest their corn, for so thou providest for the earth. ¹¹ Thou waterest her furrows, thou sendest rain into the little valleys thereof : thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and blessest the increase of it. ¹² Thou crownest the year

with thy goodness: and thy clouds drop fatness. ¹³ They shall drop upon the dwellings of the wilderness: and the little hills shall rejoice on every side. ¹⁴ The folds shall be full of sheep: the valleys also shall stand so thick with corn, that they shall laugh and sing.
We remain seated for the concluding doxology:

**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 2 Corinthians 9: 6-15– Sheri

⁶ The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹ As it is written, “He scatters abroad; he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.”

¹⁰ He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us, ¹² for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. ¹³ Through the testing of this ministry you [f] glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your partnership with them and with all others, ¹⁴ while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

GOSPEL – Luke 12:16-30

¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ ¹⁸ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.” ²² He said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. ²³ For life is more than food and the body more than clothing. ²⁴ Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵ And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁶ If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? ²⁷ Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ²⁸ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, you of little faith! ²⁹ And do not keep seeking what you are to eat and

what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. ³⁰ For it is the nations of the world that seek all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

INTERCESSIONS – Christine

We pray especially this week for: Those affected by floods

We Give Thanks and Praise for: Our farmers and the food they grow

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

Clifford, Stacey's mum Debbie, Finn, Tony, Julie and her father, Billy, Jacob, Ellie and her mother, Jean and 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, Cleveland, Sarah's sister Marie

We pray for those who mourn - *The children of Shamanie Terrelonge, Daphne*

We pray for the souls of Shamanie Terrelonge, Roy Eccleston, Robbie, The Revd. Roger Harley, The Bishop of Woolwich

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; 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** **10.00am – Parish Eucharist: Harvest Festival - Fr Tomos Presiding and Reader James Preaching** Sunday School will be running and all are welcome! Tea and Coffee after the service, and a Faith Action Team Meeting after the service
- Tues 26 Sept** **7.30pm – Zoom Night Prayer and Bible Study.** If you wish to join the group, please let Fr Tomos know. This Autumn we will be looking at the parables of Jesus.
- Wed 27 Sept** **10.00am – Midweek Eucharist**
- Sat 30 Sept** **10.30am - Holy Dusters**
- Sun 1 Oct** **10:00am Parish Eucharist Trinity 17 – Fr Tomos Presiding and Preaching**
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Other Notices

- Sat 30 Sept** **7.30pm Bring and Share Harvest Supper** in the hall. All are welcome!
- Oct & Nov** **In October and November we will be welcoming a final year curate on an eight week placement.** Fr. Charlie Bell is a curate at St John the Divine in Kennington, and is a non-stipendiary priest, meaning that he works a full-time job alongside his work as a priest. He is a Forensic Psychiatrist in South London and also teaches Medicine to undergraduates at Cambridge University and King's College London. He's really looking forward to being with us and learning all that Croydon has to offer!
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Forthcoming Black History Month 2023 Events

- Sat 7 October 11am – Southwark Cathedral BHM Thanksgiving Service
- Mon 16 October 9am – Black History Pilgrimage (Meet Windrush Memorial Waterloo – 8.4 miles)
- Sat 28 October (time tbc) - Croydon Area BHM Celebration at St Mary's Redhill
- Sun 29 October 10 am – Bishop Rosemarie visiting Holy Saviour to bless the olive tree planted as a living memorial to the victims of the Atlantic slave trade

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