

Holy Saviour Church, Croydon

Remembrance Sunday – 12th November 2023

Entrance Hymn: 292 – *Eternal Father Strong to Save*

Hymn Before the Gospel: 99 – *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Offertory Hymn: HHS 81 – *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Communion Hymn(s): 194 – King of Glory, King of Peace; **13** – Abide with Me

Final Hymn: 294 – *And did those feet in Ancient Times*

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Amos 5: 18-24 – Sarah

¹⁸ Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light, ¹⁹ as if someone fled from a lion and was met by a bear or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall and was bitten by a snake. ²⁰ Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? ²¹ I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. ²² Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them, and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. ²³ Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. ²⁴ But let justice roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

PSALM 70: 1-6

Deus, in adiutorium

HASTE thee, O God, to deliver me : make haste to help me, O Lord.

² Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek after my soul : let them be turned backward and put to confusion that wish me evil.

³ Let them for their reward be soon brought to shame : that cry over me, There, there.

⁴ But let all those that seek thee be joyful and glad in thee : and let all such as delight in thy salvation say always, The Lord be praised.

⁵ As for me, I am poor and in misery : haste thee unto me, O God.

⁶ Thou art my helper and my redeemer : O Lord, make no long tarrying.

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 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18– Sheri

¹³ But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵ For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

GOSPEL – Matthew 25:1-13

¹ “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³ When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴ but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵ As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶ But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷ Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ ¹⁰ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. ¹¹ Later the other young women came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹² But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ ¹³ Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

INTERCESSIONS – Barbara

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

Amy, Milton Findlay, Clifford, Finn, Tony, Julie and her father, Billy, Jacob, Ellie and her mother, Jean and Roger, Trudy's sister Sally, Rev Peter's wife Jennifer, Brandon, Billy's Uncle Richard, Barbara G, Margaret L, Janine H, John J, Stephen Mc, Geraldine, Sandra, Kat's sister Christine, Jean, Sarah's mother Fedora, Vilma Morgan, Matt, Brenda, Stephanie, Cyril, Minnie, Alexander, Cousin Zen, Christopher, Miriam, Denise M, Enid, Simon & Samantha, Girish, Pat, Adrian, Ron, Cleveland, Sarah's sister Marie, Britt and Barry and Margaret T

We pray for those who mourn

We pray for the souls of Christine Coughlan, Robbie, The Revd. Roger Harley, Bishop Karowei, Elianne Andam, Micheline Langlois, Janet Jeves, Stacey's mother Debbie.

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **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** **10am -- Remembrance Sunday: Parish Eucharist with an Act of Remembrance for the fallen (Fr Tomos preaching and Fr Charlie presiding)**
- Tues 14 Nov** **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 15 Nov** **10.00am – Midweek Eucharist**
- Sat 18 Nov** **10.30am - Holy Dusters**
- Sun 19 Nov** **10am – 2nd Sunday before Advent: Parish Eucharist (Fr Charlie preaching and presiding)**
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Other Notices

Oct & Nov **In October and November we will be welcoming a final year curate on an eight week placement.** Fr. Charlie Bell is a non-stipendiary priest, working as a Forensic Psychiatrist in South London.

Mission Action Planning Questionnaires – Please take one of these from the back of church; your thoughts and opinions are essential in helping the PCC formulate our new Mission Action Plan (MAP).

Food Bank - New donations are always welcome. Thank you for your generosity!

Sat 2 Dec
10am-3pm **New Beginnings - A Quiet Day for Advent based on the opening lines of the Gospels** (10am Morning Prayer with address; 12.30pm Eucharist; 3pm Evening Prayer with address; church open for silent prayer and reflection). All are welcome for the whole day or to drop in for parts. Bring a packed lunch if attending for the whole day.

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