

Holy Saviour Church, Croydon

Epiphany – 7 January 2024

Entrance Hymn: 51 – *As with gladness men of old*

Hymn Before the Gospel: 52 – *The people that in darkness sat*

Offertory Hymn: HHS26– *We three kings of orient are*

Communion Hymn(s): 42– *In the bleak midwinter*; **HHS25**—*Thou who was rich beyond all splendour*

Final Hymn: HHS21—*The First Nowell*

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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 60:1-6 - Christine

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. ² For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³ Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴ Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. ⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶ A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

PSALM 72: 10-15

¹⁰ Go not far from me, O God: my God, haste thee to help me.

¹¹ Let them be confounded and perish that are against my soul: let them be covered with shame and dishonour that seek to do me evil.

¹² As for me, I will patiently abide alway: and will praise thee more and more.

¹³ My mouth shall daily speak of thy righteousness and salvation: for I know no end thereof.

¹⁴ I will go forth in the strength of the Lord God: and will make mention of thy righteousness only.

¹⁵ Thou, O God, hast taught me from my youth up until now: therefore will I tell of thy wondrous works.

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 : Ephesians 3.1-12 - Lilian

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you,³ and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words,⁴ a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ.⁵ In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit:⁶ that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.⁷ Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power.⁸ Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ,⁹ and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things;¹⁰ so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.¹¹ This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord,¹² in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

GOSPEL – Matthew 2: 1-12 - James

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem,² asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.'³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him;⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.⁵ They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:⁶ "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."'⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared.⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.'⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

INTERCESSIONS – Mathilde

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, 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, Denise M, Enid, Simon & Samantha, Girish, Pat, Adrian, Ron, Cleveland, Britt and Barry, Margaret T, Rev'd Catherine Tucker and family, Hilary and Odion Ayotunde Edeki

We pray for those who mourn

We pray for the souls of: Jean Freeman, Micheline Langlois, Janet Jeyes, Stacey's mother Debbie, Rev'd Catherine's sister Judith, Trudy Payne (priest), Miriam Kolandawal

May light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

And rise in glory.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek:
may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light
discern the glory of your presence in your Son,
the Word made flesh, 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	10am – Epiphany: Parish Eucharist (The Rev'd Canon Angela Gbebakin presiding and preaching)
Tues 9 Jan	Zoom Night Prayer and Bible Study will return later in January
Wed 10 Jan	10.00am – Holy Communion
Sat 13 Jan	10:30am – Holy Dusters
Sun 14 Jan	10am – Epiphany 2: Parish Eucharist (The Reverend Ben Vertannes preaching and presiding)

Other Notices

Miriam Kolandawal RIP – Regular worshippers at Holy Saviour will have very fond memories of Miriam who died on Tuesday 12 December 2023. Please keep her and her family in your prayers. Miriam's funeral will take place at Croydon Crematorium East Chapel this Friday, 12 January 2024, beginning at 2.15pm.

Trudy Payne RIP – Trudy's funeral will take place this Thursday, 11 January 2024. There will be Requiem Mass at St Barnabas' Church Mitcham at 11.30am followed by Committal at Croydon Crematorium East Chapel at 1.30pm. For those wishing to travel by public transport, the 264 bus from West Croydon Bust Station passes close to the church.

January Mix and Mingle Event: Saturday 13 Jan 2-4pm in the Hall; this month's event will involve a quiz and games. All are welcome!

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!

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