

Holy Saviour Church, Croydon
St Michael and All Angels
29nd September 2024

Entrance Hymn 163 Angel Voices

Hymn Before the Gospel: 96 Bright the vision that delighted

Offertory Hymn 198 Ye Holy Angels

Communion Hymn(s): 199 Immortal, invisible: 143 Jesus shall reign

Final Hymn: 192 Praise my soul

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Everlasting God,
you have ordained and constituted
the ministries of angels and mortals in a wonderful order:
grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven,
so, at your command,
they may help and defend us on earth;
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: Genesis 28.10-17 - *Barbara*

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

PSALM 103 : 19-22

Benedic, anima mea

19 The Lord hath prepared his seat in heaven : and his kingdom ruleth over all.

20 O praise the Lord, ye angels of his, ye that excel in strength : ye that fulfil his commandment, and hearken unto the voice of his words.

21 O praise the Lord, all ye his hosts : ye servants of his that do his pleasure.

22 O speak good of the Lord, all ye works of his, in all places of his dominion : praise thou the Lord, O my soul.

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: Revelation 12.7-12 - Sarah

And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming,

‘Now have come the salvation and the power

and the kingdom of our God

and the authority of his Messiah,

for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down,

who accuses them day and night before our God.

But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb

and by the word of their testimony,

for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.

Rejoice then, you heavens

and those who dwell in them!

But woe to the earth and the sea,

for the devil has come down to you

with great wrath,

because he knows that his time is short!’

GOSPEL – John 1.47-51

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, ‘Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!’ Nathanael asked him, ‘Where did you come to know me?’ Jesus answered, ‘I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.’ Nathanael replied, ‘Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!’ Jesus answered, ‘Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.’ And he said to him, ‘Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.’

INTERCESSIONS – Christine

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

Lynton Salmon, Cherelle, Julie Johns, Lyn Johns, Khalil A, Paulina Larios, Sally and Katharine, Allen, Tracey and Ann Davis, David, Milton Findlay, Clifford, Finn, Tony, Julie and her father, Billy, Jacob, Ellie and her mother, Sally, Jennifer, Brandon, Billy's Uncle Richard, Barbara G, Janine H, John J, Geraldine, Sandra, Kat's sister Christine, Jean, Sarah's mother Fedora, Vilma Morgan, Matt, Brenda, Stephanie, Minnie, Alexander, Cousin Zen, Christopher, Denise M, Enid, Simon & Samantha, Girish, Pat, Ron, Cleveland, Britt and Barry, Veronica Vernon, Pauline Temiz, Brian Cresswell, The King and the Princess of Wales

We pray for those who mourn

We pray for the souls of James Williams, Bransby Roberts, and all those we have loved and lost.

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord of heaven,
in this eucharist you have brought us near
to an innumerable company of angels
and to the spirits of the saints made perfect:
as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage
we have shared their fellowship,
so may we come to share their joy in heaven;
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	10am – St Michael and All Angels: Fr Tomos Presiding; We welcome Alex and Ronnie from our neighbours at the Nehemiah Project
Tues 1 Oct	Night Prayer and Bible Study We will be looking at the Book of Ruth. Email the vicar for the online link to join.
Wed 2 Oct	10am - Holy Communion
Sat 5 Oct	11am – Holy Dusters
Sun 6 Oct	10am – Harvest Festival Eucharist – Donations of non-perishable food goods will be gratefully accepted and distributed to good causes

Other Notices

Sat 5 Oct 10.30 am	Southwark Cathedral Black History Month Festal Eucharist (President: The Archbishop of Canterbury)
Sat 5 Oct 7pm	Harvest Supper - Bring and Share in the Church Hall!
Sat 12 Oct	2-4pm Mix and Mingle in the church hall
Sun 13 Oct 10am	Holy Saviour Black History Month Eucharist with Guest Speaker Dr Velma McClymont. Dr. McClymont is a Jamaican-born British author, poet, community activist, international speaker, and a former lecturer in Caribbean history and literature. Writing under the pseudonym of Kate Elizabeth Ernest, she has penned four children's books. Her historical novel, <i>Little River</i> (2022), explores the interconnected lives of a Scottish sugar baron and the enslaved people of Jamaica. Her latest book, <i>Walk-Foot Woman and Other Poems</i> (2024) was launched on 21st June. Dr. McClymont, who joined her parents in England during the late 1960s (as part of the Windrush generation), grew up in Battersea, London. As a scholar-activist and the director/publisher of <i>WomanzVue Books</i> , she has contributed significantly to the literary and cultural landscape in the UK. In addition to her literary accomplishments, in June 2024, Dr. McClymont was shortlisted by the Bright Lights Awards Ceremony (BLAC Awards) for "Services to Writing". In October 2022, she was Winner of the Weekly Gleaner "Honour Awards in Education". She is a Fellow of the African Forum Scotland, a Lifetime Fellow of Reach Society, and an Associate Fellow of the Royal Historical Society.

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