

**Holy Saviour Church, Croydon**  
**Advent Sunday**  
**1<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

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**Entrance Hymn: HHS 1 - Advent Candles Tell Their Story**

**Hymn Before the Gospel: 26 – O Come, O Come Emmanuel**

**Offertory Hymn: 29 – The Lord Will Come And Not Be Slow**

**Communion Hymn(s): 8- Hail Gladdening Light: 179 – God of Mercy**

**Final Hymn: 28 – Lo He Comes with Clouds Descending**

***COLLECT FOR THE DAY***

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 33: 14-16 – Pearl**

<sup>14</sup>The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

**PSALM 25 : 1-9**



<sup>1</sup>Unto thee O Lord will I lift up my soul, my God I have put my ' trust in ' thee: O let me not be confounded, neither let mine ' enemies ' triumph ' over me.

<sup>2</sup> For all they that hope in thee shall ' not be a'shamed : but such as transgress without a cause ' shall be ' put to con'fusion.

<sup>3</sup> Shew me thy ' ways O ' Lord : and ' teach me ' thy ' paths.

<sup>4</sup> Lead me forth in thy ' truth and ' learn me : for thou art the God of my salvation, in thee hath been my ' hope ' all the day ' long.

<sup>5</sup> Call to remembrance O Lord thy ' tender ' mercies : and thy loving kindnesses, which ' have been ' ever of ' old.

<sup>6</sup> O remember not the sins and offences ' of my ' youth : but according to thy mercy, think thou upon me O ' Lord ' for thy ' goodness.

<sup>7</sup> Gracious and righteous ' is the ' Lord : therefore will he teach ' sinners ' in the ' way.

<sup>8</sup> Them that are meek shall he ' guide in ' judgement : and such as are gentle ' them shall he ' learn his ' way.

<sup>9</sup> All the paths of the Lord are ' mercy and ' truth : unto such as keep his ' covenant ' and his ' testimonies.

*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. 'A'men***

### **SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13 – Barbara**

<sup>9</sup> How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? <sup>10</sup> Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. <sup>11</sup> Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. <sup>12</sup> And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. <sup>13</sup> And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

### **GOSPEL – Luke 21: 25-36 – James**

<sup>25</sup> “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. <sup>26</sup> People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup> Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup> Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” <sup>29</sup> Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup> as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup> So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup> Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. <sup>34</sup> “Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup> like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup> Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place and to stand before the Son of Man.”

## **INTERCESSIONS Mathilde**

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

*Juana Vega, Chris Hubbuck, Julie Cornfield, 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, the Princess of Wales and Bishop Christopher*

### **We pray for those who mourn**

**We pray for the soul** of Lloyd McLeggan, 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**

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; 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*

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<b>Today</b>	<b>10am – Advent Sunday: Fr Tomos presiding and preaching</b>
<b>Mon 2 Dec</b>	<b>7.30pm Advent Course (online) – Women of the Nativity:</b> based on Paula Gooder's book, we will be looking at a series of reflections and Bible passages. Email <a href="mailto:vicar@holysaviourcroydon.co.uk">vicar@holysaviourcroydon.co.uk</a> for the Zoom link.
<b>Wed 4 Dec</b>	<b>10am - Midweek Eucharist</b>
<b>Sat 7 Dec</b>	<b>10.30am – Morning Prayer for Advent (every Saturday in Advent)</b>
<b>Sun 8 Dec</b>	<b>10am – Advent 2 – Guest Speaker from the Leprosy Mission. Fr Tomos Presiding. Tea and Coffee after the service. Sunday School</b>

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<b>Sat 7 Dec</b>	<b>11am Holy Dusters</b>
<b>Sun 8 Dec</b> <b>10 am</b>	<b>Sunday School Returns!</b> It's a great pleasure to announce that Sunday School returns on Sunday 8 Dec (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent). Please spread the word! Parents are welcome to join their children in Sunday School or remain in the service - please don't leave Holy Saviour without your children!
<b>Thurs 12 Dec</b> <b>11 am</b>	<b>South London and Maudsley (SLAM) NHS Trust:</b> SLAM return to Holy Saviour with a special session on coping with anxiety
<b>Sat 14 Dec</b> <b>2 – 4pm</b>	<b>December Mix and Mingle:</b> our December Mix and Mingle is a Bollywood Event organised by the Kerala Cultural and Welfare Association! All are welcome!
<b>Wed 18 Dec</b> <b>6pm</b>	<b>Croydon University Hospital Chaplaincy invite us to join them for carol singing on the wards!</b> 18:00 for an 18:30 start at St Barnabas Worship Centre. Located at Croydon University Hospital outside the Woodcroft entrance. More details can be found on the attached poster.
<b>Sun 23 Feb 2025</b>	<b>Children and Holy Communion:</b> The Bishop has granted us permission to admit children to Holy Communion before Confirmation (which otherwise normally takes place at secondary school age and above). If you have a primary school child who will be aged seven or older this academic year, and you would like them to receive Holy Communion, please contact the Vicar. There will be a series of short preparation classes after the Sunday Eucharist next year ( <b>9 and 16 Feb</b> ) followed by admission to Holy Communion at the Parish Eucharist on <b>Sunday 23 Feb 2025</b> . <b>Adults and teenagers – Confirmation:</b> Do you have a growing sense that you would like to make a public commitment to your Christian Faith? In the Church of England this traditionally takes place at a Confirmation Service presided over by the Bishop. If you have not already been Confirmed, and are interested in doing so, please speak to or email the Vicar.

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