

Holy Saviour Church, Croydon
Second Sunday of Advent
8th December 2024

Entrance Hymn: 484 - Long Ago Prophets Knew

Hymn Before the Gospel: 24 – Hark a Thrilling Voice

Offertory Hymn: 32 – Sleepers Awake

Communion Hymn(s): 25- The Advent of Our King: 30 – Hark The Glad Sound

Final Hymn: HHS 2 – People Look East

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9: 1-7 – Sarah

1 But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

² The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

³ You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴ For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

⁵ For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶ For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named

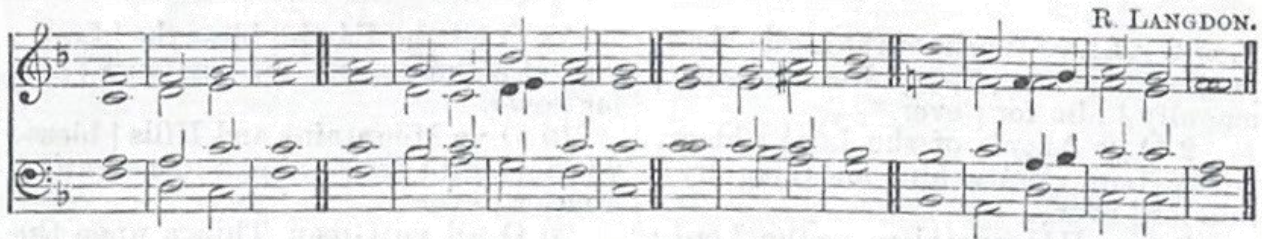
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ His authority shall grow continually,

and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onwards and for evermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The Benedictus



- 1 BLESSED be the Lord' God of' Israel : for he hath' visited · and re-
'deemed his' people ;
- 2 And hath raised up a mighty sal'vation' for us : in the'house of his
'servant' David ;
- 3 As he spake by the mouth of his' holy' Prophets : which have been
'since the' world be'gan ;
- 4 That we should be saved' from our' enemies : and from the' hands of
'all that' hate us ;
- 5 To perform the mercy promised' to our' forefathers : and to re-
'member his' holy' Covenant ;
- 6 To perform the oath which he sware to our' fore·father' Abraham : that
'he would' give' us ;
- 7 That we being delivered out of the' hand of our' enemies : might' serve him
with'out' fear ;
- 8 In holiness and' righteousness be'fore him : all the' days of' our' life.
- 9 And thou Child shalt be called the' Prophet of the' Highest : for thou
shalt go before the face of the Lord' to pre'pare his' ways ;
- 10 To give knowledge of salvation' unto his' people : for the re'mission
'of their' sins,
- 11 Through the tender mercy of' our' God : whereby the day-spring
'from on' high hath' visited us ;
- 12 To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the' shadow of' death :
and to guide our feet' into the' way of' peace.

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: Philippians 1: 3-11 – Lilian

³ I thank my God for every remembrance of you, ⁴ always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy ⁵ for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I hold you in my heart, for all of you are my partners in God's grace, both in my

imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel.⁸ For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the tender affection of Christ Jesus.⁹ And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight¹⁰ to help you to determine what really matters, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless,¹¹ having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

GOSPEL – Luke 3: 1-6 – Marie

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene,² during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.³ He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins,⁴ as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.⁵ Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth,⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’ ”

INTERCESSIONS Barbara

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

Caroline Arthurscooke, Juana Vega, Chris Hubbucks, 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

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; 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

Today	10am – Advent 2 – Guest Speaker from the Leprosy Mission. Tea and Coffee after the service. Sunday School (parents please don't leave your children behind in church!
Mon 9 Dec	7.30pm Advent Course (online) – Women of the Nativity: based on Paula Gooder's book, we will be looking at a series of reflections and Bible passages. Email vicar@holysaviourcroydon.co.uk for the Zoom link.
Wed 11 Dec	10am - Midweek Eucharist
Thurs 12 Dec	11am - South London and Maudsley (SLAM) NHS Trust: SLAM return to Holy Saviour with a special session on coping with anxiety
Fri 13 Dec	Choir Practice for the Carol Service – 7-9pm
Sat 14 Dec	10.30am – Morning Prayer for Advent (every Saturday in Advent) 2-4pm - December Mix and Mingle: our December Mix and Mingle is a Bollywood Event organised by the Kerala Cultural and Welfare Association! All are welcome!
Sun 15 Dec	10am – Advent 3 – Fr Tomos Presiding and Preaching 4pm – Traditional 9 Lessons and Carols – All Welcome

Christmas Services: details of our Christmas service can be found on the separate leaflet.

Wed 18 Dec 6pm	Croydon University Hospital Chaplaincy invite us to join them for carol singing on the wards! 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.
Sun 23 Feb 2025	Children and Holy Communion: 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 (9 and 16 Feb) followed by admission to Holy Communion at the Parish Eucharist on Sunday 23 Feb 2025 . Adults and teenagers – Confirmation: 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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