

Holy Saviour Church, Croydon
Second Sunday in Lent
16th March 2025

Entrance Hymn 2 – New Every Morning is The Love

Hymn Before the Gospel: 343 – Be Thou My Vision

Offertory Hymn:184– Jerusalem The Golden

Communion Hymn(s): HHS 56- Holy, Holy, Holy: HHS 73 – To Him We Come

Final Hymn: HHS 100– Will You Come And Follow Me?

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

FIRST READING: Genesis 15 1-12, 17-18- Craig

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. ⁷Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." ⁸But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. ¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. ¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates

Psalm 27– vv 1-8



THE Lord is my light and my salvation, whom then ' shall I ' fear : the Lord is the strength of my life, of whom then ' shall I ' be a ' afraid ?

2 When the wicked even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat ' up my ' flesh : they ' stumbled ' and ' fell.

3 Though an host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart ' be a ' afraid : and though there rose up war against me, yet will I ' put my ' trust in ' him.

4 One thing have I desired of the Lord which I ' will re ' quire : even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the fair beauty of the Lord ' and to ' visit his ' temple.

5 For in the time of trouble he shall hide me ' in his ' tabernacle : yea in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me, and set me up up ' on a ' rock of ' stone.

6 And now shall he lift ' up mine ' head : above mine ' enemies ' round a ' bout me.

7 Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with ' great ' gladness : I will sing and speak ' praises ' unto the ' Lord.

8 Harken unto my voice O Lord, when I cry ' unto ' thee : have ' mercy up ' on me and ' hear me.

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 3: 17-4.1 - Lilian

¹⁷ Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹ He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. ¹ Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

GOSPEL – Luke 13: 31-35 - James

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³² He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³ Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ ³⁴ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵ See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

INTERCESSIONS - Marie

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

Tom, Latif Muhammad, Redva's niece Olivia, Sharon, Caroline Arthurscooke, Juana Vega, Chris Hubbucks, Julie Cornfield, Cherelle, Julie Johns, Lyn Johns, 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, 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 souls of Murnell Marrant, Margaret Fall, Paul Prado, Hugh Reynolds, 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

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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 – 2nd Sunday Of Lent – Fr Tomos Presiding and Preaching; PCC meeting in the Hall after the Service
Tues 18 Mar	No Bible Study This Week
Wed 19 Mar	10am – Morning Service
Sat 22 Mar	10.30am – Morning Prayer for Lent 11am – Holy Dusters
Sun 23 Mar	10am – 3rd Sunday Of Lent – Fr Tomos Presiding and Preaching

Wed 26 Mar **Murnell Marrant's funeral** will take place in church at noon, followed by committal at Greenlawns cemetery Chelsham Road Warlingham at 2pm

Online Bible Study Dates

We continue our study of the Gospel of Mark on the following evenings at 7.30pm:
Tuesday 11 Mar; Tuesday 1 Apr; Tuesday 15 Apr

Confirmation: If you have not already been Confirmed, and are interested in doing so, please speak to or email the Vicar

Our Sunday School runs on the last Sunday of the month and on extra dates throughout the year. Keep an eye out for our emails and notices for more details!
If your child is under four, we ask that you accompany them to Sunday School.
Parents of older children are welcome to join their children in Sunday School or to remain in church. Copies of our safeguarding policies can be found at <https://holysaviourcroydon.co.uk/safeguarding/>

APCM and Preparation of a New Electoral Roll: The next Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place after the Sunday Eucharist on 28 April. Every six years each parish is required to prepare a new electoral roll, but your name does not roll over automatically. Application for enrolment forms can be found at the back of church.

Thurs 3 Apr 11 am **South London and Maudsley (SLAM) Mental Health** Trust return to Holy Saviour to deliver one of their excellent mental health awareness sessions.

Bishop of Southwark's Lent Call: this year the Bishop's Lent Call focuses on projects aimed at improving the mental health of children in our own Diocese of Southwark, and in our link dioceses in Zimbabwe and Jerusalem. If you would like to make a donation to this cause, please speak to the church wardens or the vicar.

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