

# Holy Saviour Croydon

## Second Sunday Of Lent

### 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026

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**Entrance Hymn: 2 - New every morning is the love**

**Hymn Before the Gospel: 343 – Be thou my vision**

**Offertory Hymn 117 – Praise to the holiest in the height**

**Communion Hymn: 136 - Jesus, grant me this I pray**

**Final Hymn: 375 – I danced in the morning**

#### ***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 12.1-4a Pearl***

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

#### **Psalm 121**

1 WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills : from whence cometh my help.  
2 My help cometh even from the Lord : who hath made heaven and earth.  
3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved : and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.  
4 Behold, he that keepeth Israel : shall neither slumber nor sleep.  
5 The Lord himself is thy keeper : the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;  
6 So that the sun shall not burn thee by day : neither the moon by night.  
7 The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil : yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.  
8 The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in : from this time forth for evermore.

*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: Romans 4.1-5, 13-17– Lillian**

What then are we to say was gained by<sup>a</sup> Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

**GOSPEL – John 3:1-17 – Lillian**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

## **INTERCESSIONS – Craig**

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

*Camilla Harley, Miranda, Rev Pat, Grace, Paul, Sue, Jonathan Lane, Sam's wife Pearl, Tom, Redva's niece Olivia, Sharon, Caroline Arthurscooke, Juana Vega, Chris Hubbucks, Julie Cornfield, Cherelle, Julie Johns, Lyn Johns, Paulina Larios, 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, 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, and the Princess of Wales*

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

**We pray for the souls** of those we have lost this year. We pray for James Coffie Ekem and for Murnell Marrant, whose year's mind falls at this time 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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**Services this Week & Other Events**

- Sun 1 Mar**      **10am Second Sunday Of Lent — Fr Tomos presiding & preaching**
- Wed 4 Mar**      **10am – Holy Communion**
- Sat 7 Mar**        **Holy Dusters**
- Sun 8 Mar**      **10am Third Sunday Of Lent — Fr Tomos presiding and preaching**

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**Bishop of Southwark's Lent Call:** 'Start children on the way they should go' (Proverbs 22:6). Bishop Christopher is asking you to support projects that focus on the work of schools that will help benefit children and young people to flourish in our link dioceses in Zimbabwe and Jerusalem, as well as closer to home in South London and East Surrey. More details can be found at:

<https://southwark.anglican.org/news-events/events/lent-call/>

**Sun 15<sup>th</sup> March**    **Next Sunday School Session (Mothering Sunday)**

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**Holy Week Services**

- Sun 29 Mar**      **10am** - Parish Eucharist for Palm Sunday
- Wed 1 Apr**       **10am** - Holy Communion
- Thurs 2 Apr**     **11am** – Chrism Eucharist at Southwark Cathedral  
**8pm** - Eucharist of the Lord's Supper with washing of feet and stripping of the altars
- Fri 3 Apr**        **10am** – Stations of the Cross  
**2.30pm** – Liturgy of Good Friday and Veneration of the Cross
- Sun 5 Apr**        **6am** - The Easter Vigil  
**10am** – Parish Eucharist on Easter Day
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- Sat 18<sup>th</sup> July**    **Retirement of the Bishop of Southwark:** Bishop Christopher's last service will take place at Southwark Cathedral at 12pm on Saturday 18 July.

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