Holy Saviour Croydon
Trinity 16
20th September
2026

Entrance Hymn:	**214 – Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer**
Hymn Before the Gospel:	**240 – Teach Me My God And King**
Offertory Hymn:	**204 – Let Us With A Gladsome Mind**
Communion Hymn(s):	**271 – Bread Of Heaven On Thee We Feed**
Final Hymn:	**458 –Forth In The Peace Of Christ We Go**

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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 Jonah 3: 10-4.11 – Barbara

10 When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind
about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was
very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. **2** He prayed to the Lord and said, ‘O Lord! Is not
this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning;
for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast
love, and ready to relent from punishing. **3** And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is
better for me to die than to live.’ **4** And the Lord said, ‘Is it right for you to be angry?’ **5** Then Jonah
went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat
under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. **6** The Lord God appointed a
bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his
discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. **7** But when dawn came up the next day, God
appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. **8** When the sun rose, God prepared
a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked
that he might die. He said, ‘It is better for me to die than to live.’ **9** But God said to Jonah, ‘Is it
right for you to be angry about the bush?’ And he said, ‘Yes, angry enough to die.’ **10** Then the Lord
said, ‘You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not
grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. **11** And should I not be concerned about
Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people
who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?’

PSALM 145: 1-8

1 I will magnify thee O ' God my ' King : and I will praise thy ' Name for ' ever and ' ever.
2 Every day will I give thanks ' unto ' thee : and praise thy ' Name for ' ever and ' ever

[3] Great is the Lord, and marvellous worthy ' to be ' praised : there ' is no ' end of his ' greatness.
[4] One generation shall praise thy works ' unto an'other : and de'clare ' thy ' power.
[5] As for me, I will be talking ' of thy ' worship : thy glory, thy ' praise and ' wondrous ' works.
[6] So that men shall speak of the might of thy ' marvellous ' acts : and I will ' also ' tell of thy ' greatness.
[7] The memorial of thine abundant kindness ' shall be ' shewed : and ' men shall ' sing of thy ' righteousness.
[8] The Lord is ' gracious and ' merciful : long-suffering ' and of ' great ' goodness.
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 Philippians 1: 21-30– Sue

[21] For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. [22] If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. [23] I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; [24] but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. [25] Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, [26] so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. [27] Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, [28] and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. [29] For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— [30] since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

GOSPEL – Matthew 20:1-16 -James
'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. [2] After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage,[a] he sent them into his vineyard. [3] When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; [4] and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. [5] When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. [6] And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" [7] They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." [8] When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." [9] When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage.[b] [10] Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage] [11] And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, [12] saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." [13] But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage [14] Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. [15] Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" [16] So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

INTERCESSIONS – Christine

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

Charles, Brenda, Sue, Penny Alleyn, Chris, Martin, Camilla Harley, Miranda, Rev Pat, Grace, 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, 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, including all those losing their lives in the Nepalese Landslide, Jason Arday and Andrew Antony Miller.
May light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. **And rise in glory.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; 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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Events & Services this Week

Sat 19 Sept	**11am – Holy Dusters**
Today	**10am – Trinity 16 – Fr Tomos Presiding and Preaching** **PCC Meeting after the service**
Wed 23 Sept	**10am – Morning Prayer**
Sun 27h Sept	**10am – Trinity 17 – Father Tomos Presiding and Reader James Preaching**
Sat 3 Oct	**11am - Southwark Cathedral Black History Month Celebration**
Sat 3 Oct	**7pm Holy Saviour Bring and Share Harvest Supper – Save the Date!**
Sun 4 Oct	**10am – Harvest Festival:** Donations of non-perishable food will be gratefully received and donated to those in need
Sun 11 Oct	**10am - Holy Saviour Black History Month Eucharist – Guest Speaker: Dr Michael MacMillan - Associate Lecturer in Cultural & Historical Studies, University of the Arts London:** Dr McMillan is a London based writer, playwright, artist/curator and scholar, born to parents from St Vincent & the Grenadines. He is best known for the much-loved and critically acclaimed The Front Room installation that has been iterated nationally and internationally. His interdisciplinary practice centres around the praxis (theory and practice) of 'the creative process, ethnography, oral histories, material culture and performativity'. https://www.michaelmcmillan.uk
Sun 11 Oct	**10am - Sunday School:** Children under four years old must be accompanied by an adult

Croydon Together Night Shelter: From January to April 2026, Croydon Voluntary Action worked alongside Housing Justice, Croydon Council, and a steering group of local faith and community organisations to deliver the Croydon Together Night Shelter. The shelter provided a safe, welcoming place for people experiencing homelessness during the coldest months of the year. Each night, between 18 and 20 guests accessed a warm bed, hot meals, shower facilities and person-centred support designed to help them build on their strengths and take positive steps towards longer-term stability. Following the successful conclusion of the shelter in April 2026, we are now fundraising and planning for its return next winter, with the aim of once again providing vital emergency accommodation and support to people experiencing homelessness in Croydon. If you feel you could help by volunteering, visit https://cvalive.org.uk/partnership-projects/croydon-together-night-shelter/

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