



# CROYDON CENTRAL DEANERY NEWS

*Bringing the people of our deanery together!*

Christ Church, Emmanuel, Croydon Minster,  
St Andrew, St George, St Matthew,  
St Mary Magdalene with St Martin,  
St Michael & All Angels with St James,  
St Mildred, St Peter & St Augustine

Nov/Dec 2023

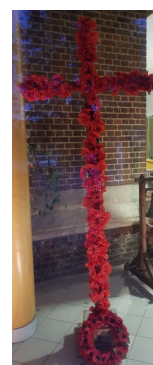
## A prayer for Advent

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day, we who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.  
Amen.



New youth group at St Matthew's running every 2 weeks for secondary age youngsters. Saturdays 5.30-7pm. Next dates 18<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Dec. Lots of activities, including table tennis (the vicar joined in, but could be directing traffic). We even had a "bake off". Bring friends, make friends!

St Mildred's Scramblers (Sunday School) made lots of tissue poppies for Remembrance Sunday, which during a moving service the congregation placed on the cross now displayed in the church's front window.



Could you pick out our Area Dean from a line-up? Here's a picture of The Revd Dr Geoff Dumbreck, Vicar of St Peter's and St Augustine's.



## **BREAKING NEWS! Deanery Beer & Carols event.**

Everyone Welcome!

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30 pm at Ruskin House,  
23 Coombe Road, CR0 1BD

Christmas Sing-Along



**Can you help?** The Croydon Refugee Day Centre needs more volunteers, and there remains a huge shortage of disposable razors and sanitary towels. Donations are accepted on Mondays, asylum seekers and refugees are served on Tuesdays. Contact [linda.stmatthews@gmail.com](mailto:linda.stmatthews@gmail.com).

## What's happening in our Deanery?

- o **2<sup>nd</sup> Dec**, 12.30-4.30pm, Christmas Market with donkey rides, St Mildred's, CR0 7EB
- o **5-19<sup>th</sup> Dec** (various days), Christmas Tree Festival, St Matthew's, CR0 5NQ
- o **9<sup>th</sup> Dec**, 7pm, St Mildred's Youth Theatre presents – Peter Pan, The Musical
- o Mothers Union are appealing for knitted hats for prisoners at HMP Wandsworth. Hats may be dropped off at St Mildred's or St Michael's by 8<sup>th</sup> Dec – keep knitting!
- o **7<sup>th</sup> Jan** 2024, Deanery Epiphany Service led by Bishop Christopher @ St Michael's.

Please share your future events by emailing: [sacentre@southcroydonbenefice.org.uk](mailto:sacentre@southcroydonbenefice.org.uk).

**Next Synod - 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024, 8.00 pm @ St Michael & All Angels Church**