



12th November 2023

PEW'S NEWS

Church of St Matthew, Croydon

www.stmatthew.org.uk

Services

Sundays at 8.30am - said service of Holy Communion
Sundays at 10am service of Holy Communion with singing led by the choir (live-streamed and on YouTube). Mid-week Communion Service on Wednesdays at 10.00am.

Young Church

Sundays at 10am except the 2nd Sunday of each month which is an Altogether Now Service.

Messy Church

2023 Dates: 13/11 and 11/12

Gallery Group

11-12am Wednesdays in the Lady Chapel. Prayer, bible study and book discussion.

Morning Prayer

Morning Prayer on Mondays & Wednesdays at 9am in the Lady Chapel. Zoom Morning Prayer - Tuesdays at 9am. Log in details: 524 546 0709 Password: stmatts

Church Open for Private Prayer

Tuesdays from 9am to 12pm

Prayer Focus



The Christian community in the Pakistani city of Jaranwala, Punjab, was devastated by anti-Christian riots on 16 August. Armed mobs, incited by local mosque leaders, attacked 27 church buildings, burning five. More than 100 houses belonging to Christians were ransacked, and many set on fire. Bibles and hymnbooks were also burned. The violence followed a spurious accusation of "blasphemy" against two Christian men. Lift up to the Lord these two men and their families, our brothers and sisters in Jaranwala, and believers across Pakistan, asking that He will continue to keep them safe in this day of trouble (Psalm 27:5).

This week we are praying for the residents of:

Alden Court / Red Court / Peony Court / Turnpike Link

Readings for 12th November - Remembrance Sunday

Micah 4. 1-5 / Matthew 25. 1-13

At this Remembrance time we remember those who have given their lives in war, those who fought, those who have lost loved ones, those who have lost homes, livelihoods or had to flee their home countries because of war. We continue to be bound up with the past and it paves the way for our future. It helps to shape us and the people we are called to be. And we hold onto the words of Jesus, *blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. (Matthew 5:9)*



Diary Dates

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Messy Church - 13th
November

**Christmas Tree Festival
Concert**

3rd December


Christmas Tree Festival
5th - 19th December


Renew 121

Mondays at 2pm in the
Choir Vestry.

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Please support our ongoing work
in the community



Thank you for giving to St Matthew's

The Choir will
be singing at
East Croydon
Station on
Wednesday
13th



December between 5 and 7pm.
Numbers are limited so please speak
to Jo Tarring if you would like to join
them.

**CHRISTMAS
TREE
FESTIVAL
Concert**

3rd December
5pm

Mulled wine &
mince pies
sponsored by
Peony Court

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Chichester Road, CRO 5NQ
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5TH - 19TH DECEMBER

**Christmas
Tree
Festival**

THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FROM
10 TO 12 ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS IN DECEMBER:

TUESDAY 5TH
WEDNESDAY 6TH
SATURDAY 9TH
TUESDAY 12TH
THURSDAY 14TH
SATURDAY 16TH
TUESDAY 19TH

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The Parish Office - Contact Penny on 020 8681 3147 or email
churchadmin@stmatthew.org.uk Mon-Fri 9am to 12pm.