



19th November 2023

# PEW'S NEWS

Church of St Matthew, Croydon

[www.stmatthew.org.uk](http://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: 11/12  
2024 Dates: 8/1, 12/2, 11/3 ..

## 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



Heavenly Father, we intercede for Your church in Eritrea and call upon You to fortify our brothers and sisters amid much persecution. We particularly bring before You those imprisoned under harsh conditions for their love and devotion for You. Please enable them to endure, and bring about their release from captivity. We thank You that the Word of God is never in chains and that Your truth can reach the darkest corners of society. We pray for a mighty strengthening of Your people across Eritrea, for we ask in the Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. (2 Timothy 2:9)

## This week we are praying for the residents of:

Rochester Gardens / Rowan Gardens / Runnymede Court / Waldegrove

## Readings for 19th November - Second Sunday before Advent

Zephaniah 1.7, 12-18 / 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11 / Matthew 25.14-30

This week I led a collective worship at a local primary school. I encouraged them by the verses, you are the lights of the world, shine! Let the world see your goodness and therefore give glory to God in heaven.

I encourage us here at St Matthew's to do the same. To paraphrase the words of St Catherine of Siena, be who God calls you to be and you will set the world on fire. Because in times of pain and despair, even the smallest of flames can be seen.

Rev'd Ruth

**Messy Church** - 11th  
December

**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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## ROOF APPEAL



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

 St Matthew's Church,  
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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## Contact Us

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