



26th 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: 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



More than 30 heavily armed Islamists set fire to a church building and at least ten houses in Lamu West on Kenya's coast on 21 August. Members of al-Shabaab struck Salama village, looting homes and stealing goats. The gang went on to ambush and kill a lorry driver and his co-driver nearby. Salama village was also attacked in June by suspected militants who killed five people and razed six homes. Ask for comfort for villagers who lost their church and homes in the attack, and ask that they receive the strength to rebuild. Pray for the bereaved, and ask that attacks by al-Shabaab will cease.

This week we are praying for the residents of:

Rushmead Close / Rutland Gardens /
Saville Gardens / Water Tower Hill

Readings for 26th November - Christ the King

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

This week we celebrate the feast of Christ the King, It's also the last week of this Christian year before we begin the new year on Advent Sunday, celebrated this year on 3rd December. As we look back over the past year, we look also to the coming year and all it will bring. We do so in the knowledge and love of God, who is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow.

Rev'd Ruth

Diary Dates

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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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Christmas at St Matthew's

17th December
10.00am

**Holy Communion with
retelling of the Nativity**

17th December
6.00pm

**Nine Lessons
& Carols**

Christmas Eve
5.00pm

Christingle

Christmas Eve
11.00pm

Carols by Candlelight

Christmas Eve
11.30pm

Midnight Mass

Christmas Day
10.00am

**Family
Communion**



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Contact Us

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