



3rd December 2023

# PEW'S NEWS

Church of St Matthew, Croydon

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## 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



Mountain areas of Myanmar's Christian-majority Karen State can suffer from freezing temperatures at this time of year. The desperate cold can pose a serious risk for families displaced from their homes by the ongoing violence, with many thousands of Karen Christians living in makeshift shelters in the jungle. As well as the danger of freezing to death, the change of season can also bring flu, bronchitis, malaria and dysentery. Pray for the work of Barnabas Aid partners and all aid agencies working to give practical support to displaced and vulnerable people in Myanmar.

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

Arthur Court / Cedar View / Wilhelmina House / Weaver Close

## Readings for 3rd December - First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 64.1-9 / 1 Corinthians 1.3-9 / Mark 13.24-37

Here we are at Advent Sunday, the beginning of the new church year. I cannot believe how quickly this year has gone!

Advent is solemn season of preparation both for the celebration of the incarnation of Christ at Christmas and as we prepare for Christ's kingdom to come.

You are in my prayers as ever this season and I continue to pray for God's blessings on us as we journey on together.

Rev'd Ruth

## Diary Dates

3rd December 2023

**Messy Church** - 11th  
December

**Knights Garden Centre  
Visit**

14th December at 2pm

**Chapman's Christmas  
Social**

15th December - 6-8pm

**Christmas Tree Festival**  
5th - 19th December

**Renew 121**

Mondays at 2pm in the  
Choir Vestry.

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# CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL *Concert*

3rd December  
**5pm**

Mulled wine &  
mince pies  
sponsored by  
Peony Court



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### Contact Us

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