



10th December 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



Almighty God, we lift up to You our brothers and sisters in Afghanistan. We ask You to provide for their physical and spiritual needs as they endure severe poverty along with the rest of the country. We pray for Your protection for Christians who, as converts from Islam, must keep their faith hidden under threat of execution as apostates. Please empower them to live gracious, compassionate and righteous lives, reminding them that "the righteous will never be shaken; they will be remembered forever". (Psalm 112:6)

This week we are praying for the residents of:

Selborne Road / Red Court / Sheridan Court / Willow Mount

Readings for 10th December - Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40.1-11 / 2 Peter 3.8-15a / Mark 1.1-8

A very big thank you to everyone who helped at and supported the Christmas Tree Festival and Concert. It was a wonderful community event and I'm so thankful to everyone who helped plan, organise and support it.

As we journey through this Advent may we hold fast to and give thanks for the love and light of Christ and pray that the love and light and hope of Christ continues to shine brightly here in our church and community.

Rev Ruth

Diary Dates

10th December 2023

Beer & Carols - 11th
December - Ruskin
House - 8th December

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 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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