



# 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.

## 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

## Messy Church

2024 Dates: 11/3, 8/4, 13/5, 10/6, 8/7

## Toddler Group

Thursdays starting from 11th April. 8.30/9am to 10.30am Gallery Group

## Renew 121

Every Monday - 2-4pm

## Prayer Focus



Although Iran's non-Persian Christian groups are largely tolerated, Farsi (Persian)- speaking Christians continue to suffer persecution as they are mostly converts from Islam and their children. Christian worship in Farsi is forbidden. Christian converts are often arrested on various pretexts such as spreading anti-state propaganda and other national security offences. Punishments include prison sentences, fines, internal exile, and other deprivations such as restrictions on employment or overseas travel. Christian converts are sometimes also asked to sign declarations that they will not meet with other believers or forced to take classes in Islam. Pray that the Lord will sustain our brothers and sisters facing such pressures, and ask that in time all Christians in Iran will be permitted to worship freely.

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

Arthur Court / Cedar View / Wilhelmina House

## Readings for 3rd March - Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 20.1-17 / 1 Corinthians / 1.18-25 John 2.13-22

# Diary Dates

3rd March 2024

## Park Hill Showcase

9th March

## Messy Church

11th March - everyone welcome!

## Holy Week & Easter

Please see poster for times and days of services.


## Coffee mornings

2nd & 4th Sat of the month. 10.30 to noon.

## Renew 121

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We are so fortunate at St Matthew's that the church and building are so well used and appreciated in the community. What a wonderful way we can share the love of God in this place. Please do continue to hold the roof appeal in your prayers, we still have so much money to raise. Thank you for all the ways in which you support this important work.

Love and prayers, Rev Ruth



### ROOF APPEAL



Please support our ongoing work in the community



Thank you for giving to St Matthew's

## Contact Us

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