

PEW/S NEWS

Church of St Matthew, Croydon

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Services

Sundays at 8.30am - said service of Holy Communion Sundays at10am 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

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Toddler Group

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

Renew 121

Every Monday - 2-4pm

Prayer Focus



Approximately one million people in Christian-majority Mozambique are displaced, forced to flee attacks by Islamists in the north, or natural disasters. Jihadi onslaughts have taken the lives of around 1,800 Christians since 2017. Small wonder the worst-affected northern province, Cabo Delgado, is known as the "land of fear". The Islamist militants boast of killing Christians. Ask that the bereaved are comforted, knowing their loved ones are with the Lord. Pray that the men of violence will have a lifechanging encounter with the Prince of Peace. Ask that the many needs of the displaced are met.

This week we are praying for the residents of:

Brownlow Road / Caroline Close / Chepstow Rise

Readings for 10th March - Mothering Sunday

1 Samuel 1: 20-End / Colossians 3: 12-17 / John 19: 5b-27

Diary Dates 10th March 2024

Messy Church

11th March - everyone welcome!

Holy Week & Easter

Please see poster for times and days of services.

Toddler Group

Restarting on 11th April at 8.30am/9am to 10.30am

Youth Nights

Twice a month on a Saturday.

Coffee mornings

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

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Mothering Sunday can be a time of thanksgiving and joy but it can also be a difficult today for a number of reasons.

Please know that however you approach this day I hold you in my prayers. I don't always quote from television shows but last week's Call the Midwife had for me some real words of wisdom on mothering and love in all its forms. I'm paraphrasing here but these were some of the words:

Our time on earth is a quest for love, to feed, to teach, to help us grow, to keep us safe. Love is always closer than we think. Love is in every smile, lesson shared, hand held, gifts we give and receive, in every breath we take.

With my love and prayers. Rev Ruth

Contact Us

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