

# PEW'S NEWS

## Church of St Matthew, Croydon

#### www.stmatthew.org.uk

## **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: 8/4, 13/5, 10/6, 8/7

## **Toddler Group**

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

### Renew 121

Every Monday - 2-4pm

## **Prayer Focus**



Children in Tajikistan are banned from attending religious activities, except for funerals. The mere presence of Christian children on church premises could be punished severely. Children may, by law, receive religious instruction only from their parents at home. This is just one example of the severe restrictions Christians must navigate in Tajikistan, where no new churches have been registered for more than a decade. Pray for wisdom and guidance for Christian parents in teaching their children the faith at home. Ask that families will rejoice in the Lord always (Philippians 4:4) and that the Word of God will not be stifled.

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

Chichele Gardens / Chichester Road / Chiltern Close

## Readings for 24th March - Fifth Sunday of Lent

Palm Gospel - Mark 11: 1-11 / Isaiah 50: 4-9a Philippians 2: 5-11 / Passion Reading: Mark 15.1-39

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There will be no zoom morning prayers on:

26th March

1st and 2nd April

## **Diary Dates**

**Spring Clean** 

9am to 12pm on 6th April.

#### **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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My sisters and brothers we have arrived at Holy Week and I encourage you to attend as many of the services during this week as you can. Archbishop of York Stephen Cottrell wrote, attend everything. I know this is difficult in a frantic society like ours but there are far too many Christians who sing Hosanna one Sunday and Alleluia the next but do not come and stand at the cross.... Be there and be part of it and see where you are taken.

And in all this please do know that myself, Rev Linda, Alison and James are here as we journey together.

With my love and prayers for a blessed Holy Week.

Rev Ruth





## **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.