



# PEW'S NEWS

Church of St Matthew, Croydon

[www.stmatthew.org.uk](http://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.

## 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: 13/5, 10/6, 8/7  
3.30 to 5pm

## Toddler Group

Thursdays 8.30/9am to 10.30am

## Renew 121

Every Monday - 2-4pm

## Prayer Focus



Lord God, who knows and sees everything, we pray for Christians in prison in Eritrea, suffering from heat and cold, hunger and thirst, beatings and torture. Though they are forbidden to sing or pray aloud, enable them to sing and pray to You in their hearts. Although they are not allowed any religious books, may the Holy Spirit remind them of all that Jesus said. We pray especially for pastors and theological students, often singled out for extra punishment or longer time in prison. May their love, joy and patient endurance glorify the Lord Jesus in Whose Name we pray.

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

Danecourt Gardens / Deans Close / Deepdene Avenue

## Readings for 28th April - Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8.26-End / 1 John 4.7-End / John 15.1-8

There will be no zoom morning prayers on Tuesday 23 April and Tuesday 7 May

# Diary Dates

28th April 2024

## Mini Olympics

18th May, 2-5pm

## Toddler Group

Every Thursday 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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Recycle  Charity



I'm writing to let you know that this Sunday 28th April, we will be joined at both the 8.30am and 10am services, by Chris and Jennifer from the Reigate Archdeaconry Social Justice Focus (RASJF) group. They will be speaking to us during the sermon slot in the services on the serious and disturbing issue of modern day slavery. The RASJF group was formed in 2019 and aims to join churches and others across Surrey in raising awareness of the signs of County Lines Drug Dealing, Modern Slavery, Serious Youth Crime and Domestic Violence and how to report concerns.

With my love and prayers.

Rev Ruth

**ROOF APPEAL**



St Matthew's Church, Croydon

Please support our ongoing work in the community




Thank you for giving to St Matthew's

**TODDLER Group**

EVERY THURSDAY  
8.30/9AM TO 10.30AM  
STARTS ON 11TH APRIL

**PARENTS BABIES TODDLERS**



Please come and join us with your baby/toddler. There will be toys for the little ones to play with whilst you chat among friends, a short bible story and a song. Refreshments available.

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**Messy Church**

Messy Church is a space for people of all ages and stages of their faith journey. Each session includes worship, themed crafts and activities. Free of charge. Refreshments included. Children need to be accompanied by an adult 3.30pm to 5pm

**2024 DATES (second Monday of the month):**

|               |           |
|---------------|-----------|
| 8th January   | 13th May  |
| 12th February | 10th June |
| 11th March    | 8th July  |
| 8th April     |           |

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YOU ARE INVITED TO

**ST MATTHEW'S MINI OLYMPICS**



SATURDAY 18th May 2-5pm

egg and spoon race - relay race - 3 legged race - tug of war - game of rounders - medals

picnic - bring your own food and drink

MEET NEAR THE BOWLS CLUB, Lloyd Park,  
784 Coombe Rd, Croydon, CR0 5RA

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## Contact Us

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