

# PEWS 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: 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**



Please pray for a just and lasting peace in the Holy Land and for all who have suffered there so terribly since 7 October 2023. Remember especially the Christians of Gaza, who number about 900 people within a Gazan population of some 2 million. At least 20 have been killed. At the time of writing they are mostly sheltering in the compounds of two churches in Gaza City; this is in northern Gaza where food aid has been even scarcer than in the south. At the end of February, the Christians were saying that they had heard of other groups being given food by the UN and Red Cross but had not received anything themselves despite their pleas.

# This week we are praying for the residents of:

Edith Court / Elizabeth Court / Engadine Close

# Readings for 26th May - Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 6.1-8 / Romans 8.12-17 / John 3.1-17

**Diary Dates** 26th May 2024

### **Trinity Sunday Informal Worship Night**

26th May, 7pm

### St Matthew's Parish Walk

27th May, 10.30am

### **Coffee mornings**

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

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ.

Today is Trinity Sunday when we can reflect on the wonder that is God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In our reading from the gospel today we hear too those wonderful words which have blessed so many For God so loved the world. I think particularly of that beautiful piece of music by John Stainer which has sustained me over the years.

We hear too in our reading from John of Nicodemus who we are told visited Jesus at night, possibly out of fear of what would happen.

My prayer is that we know and are confident of God's love for each and every one of us, even with those things we are fearful of.

With my love and prayers. Rev Ruth



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