



5th May 2024

# 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



Please continue praying for nearly 120,000 Armenian Christian refugees, including 30,000 children, who fled their ancient homeland, Nagorno-Karabakh, when it was seized by Azerbaijan. Most of them are now in Armenia, a poor country struggling to meet the needs of the newcomers, who are crowded into the homes of distant relatives or staying in church halls. Barnabas is helping them, through the Armenian churches. The refugees arrived exhausted, malnourished and traumatised, having endured a nine-month blockade which led to severe food shortages. "We live by the grace of God, giving glory every evening and morning. It gives us strength to cope," said grandmother Anahit, one of the refugees. Ask God to guide them as they seek to settle down and find permanent homes and new ways to earn a living.

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

Arthur Court / Cedar View / Wilhelmina House

## Readings for 5th May - Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10.44-48 / 1 John 5.1-6 / John 15.9-17

## Diary Dates

5th May 2024

### Big Picnic

6th May, 2-5pm

### Mini Olympics

18th May, 2-5pm

### Ascension Day Service

9th May, 8pm

### Trinity Day Informal Worship Night

26th May, 7pm

### Coffee mornings

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

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#### ROOF APPEAL



Please support our ongoing work  
in the community



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# Ascension Day SERVICE

9th MAY | 8PM




Parish Church of St Matthew, Chichester Road, Croydon CR0 5NQ, [www.stmatthew.org.uk](http://www.stmatthew.org.uk)

EVERY THURSDAY

## TODDLER Group

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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FAITHS  
TOGETHER  
IN CROYDON

## BIG PICNIC

Park Hill Park  
Monday 6th May  
2pm to 5pm

Come and enjoy the day, see the Police and Fire Brigade, enjoy fun and games and some lovely food.



For further information contact [ETCroydon@gmail.com](mailto:ETCroydon@gmail.com)

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,  
84 Coombe Rd, Croydon, CR0 5RA

St Matthew's Church,  
Chichester Road, CR0 5NQ  
[www.stmatthew.org.uk](http://www.stmatthew.org.uk)

Last Lent Group - 11th May  
10.30am to 12 noon at St Matthew's

### Contact Us

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