



25th May 2025

# 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

## Toddler Group

Thursdays 8.30 to 10.30am

## Renew 121

Mondays 2-4pm

## Coffee Mornings

2nd & 4th Sats. 10.30 to 12

## Gallery Group

Wednesdays 11am - 12pm

## Prayer Focus



"We were like slaves. Now we have freedom," said Pakistani Christian brick kiln worker Faqiria. The gifts of Barnabas Aid supporters have paid off the debts that for 15 years kept Faqiria bonded, like a slave, to his employer, the brick kiln owner. Faqiria had no choice but to borrow the money to pay for ongoing medical treatment when his son contracted polio, which left the boy paralysed. Pray that Barnabas can free even more impoverished brick kiln workers, like Faqiria, from bonded labour following the launch of our new Living Streams sponsorship initiative. With God's grace, these gifts will help bring freedom, hope and a future to other faithful Christian families.

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

Edith Court / Elizabeth Court /  
Engadine Close

## Readings for 25th May - Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 16.9-15 /  
Revelation 21.10, 22 - 22.5 / John 5.1-9

## Diary Dates

### No Renew 121

26th May

### Parish Walk

26th May at 10.30am

### Ascension Day Service

29th May at 8pm

### No Toddlers

29th May

### Sports Day & Picnic

12pm 1st June Lloyd Park

### Park Hill & Whitgift Safer Neighbourhood

### Open House & AGM

12th June at 6.30pm

### South Croydon Churches Christian Aid Walk

21st June - 10am to 4pm

## Follow Us



## Support Us

Recycle  Charity

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Thursday 29th May is Ascension Day and an important day in the Christian calendar. There is a service at St Matthew's at 8pm, to which all are invited and welcome, please do put the date in your diary.

*Alleluia, alleluia.*

*Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord.*

*Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age. (Matthew 28: 19-20)*

With my prayers. Rev Ruth

## SAVE THE DATES:

**Afro-Caribbean Party - 14th June**

**Bring & Share Lunch at the  
Vicarage - 5th July**

**Pimms & Hymns - 12th July**

## CONTACT US:

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