



CROYDON CENTRAL DEANERY NEWS

Christ Church, Emmanuel, Croydon Minster,
St Andrew, St George, St Matthew,
St Mary Magdalene with St Martin,
St Michael with St James,
St Mildred, St Peter & St Augustine

July 2025

What's happening in our Deanery?

- o Summer social drop-in 10.30-12.30 every Friday @ St Matthew's CR0 5NQ for coffee & chat
- o 12th July, 2-4 pm Pimms & Hymns @ St Matthew's CR0 5NQ
- o 19th July, 11 am Ordination and /or First Mass of Fr. Graham Hains @ St Michael with St James, CR0 1UA
- o Job Opportunity for Cleaner at St Matthews – contact: 020 8681 3147 stmatthewscroydon@gmail.com.

Deanery Event: Martyn's Law at the Door

The Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025, commonly referred to as Martyn's Law, will improve protective security and organizational preparedness across the UK by requiring that those responsible for certain premises and events consider how they would respond to a terrorist attack and appropriate steps to reduce vulnerability. A session advising churchwardens, sidespeople and welcomers will be held at [Croydon Minster](#) on Wednesday 10th September at 7:30pm. For some larger churches, this is going to be a requirement in the wake of the Manchester Arena bombings.

Snippets from the Minutes of February's Deanery Synod

- o The Venerable Carol Ann Coslett was our guest speaker with Dr Michael Brockett. Carol is Assistant Director of Lay Ministry in the Discipleship and Ministry Team, responsible for selection and discernment for Lay Vocations and Ministries as well as teaching those who are training to be Commissioned Pastoral Lay Ministers. Michael is currently the Diocesan Lay Ministry Consultant; a member of the Lay Council and Bishop's Advisory Group for Pastoral Lay Training and Development; a Licensed Pastoral Lay Minister in the South Croydon Benefice (St Peter's & St Augustine's); a Day Chaplain at Southwark Cathedral and Lay Champion for this Deanery. Carol outlined callings of a specifically ministerial dimension which involved being formally Affirmed, Commissioned, or Licensed as a lay minister. Rona Macdonald was licensed as a Reader in October 2024. She described her training journey and current role at St Mildred's.
- o Revd Michael Nayagam and Revd Linda Fox gave us an update on homelessness in Croydon. The Refugee Day Centre operates a drop-in centre for those who have recently been evicted from an asylum hotel having been granted refugee status. The centre is staffed by qualified members of Spire, and in general it is about 5-6 weeks to obtain some form of housing for a refugee. Last winter, there were no night shelters available for single men in South London. They are working hard within the Croydon area (through the auspices of West Croydon Baptist Church who have started this work) to find a way to set up a night shelter for this coming winter.

Honouring 32 Years of Faithful Service

We are delighted to share the wonderful news that **Denise Mead** was awarded the **Lancelot Andrewes Medal** by **Bishop Christopher**, on 8th June, in recognition of her remarkable **32 years of dedicated service** as Verger at Croydon Minster. Denise has been a steadfast and joyful presence in our community, offering her time, care, and faith with unwavering grace and kindness. Her commitment to the life of the church has been nothing short of inspirational, and this honour is a fitting tribute to all she has given and continues to give. **Thank you, Denise** for your service, your heart, and your faithful witness. You are truly appreciated by all of us at the Minster.



Fr Andrew, Bishop Christopher and Denise

Next Synod – 11th Sept 2025 - 8.00 pm @ St Mary Magdalene with St Martin Church, Canning Road, CR0 6QD

Guest speakers: The Executive Mayor of Croydon, Jason Perry and Claudia Almeida from Addiscombe Neighbourhood Care Association (ANCA)