



28th September 2025

PEWS NEWS

Church of St Matthew, Croydon

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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

Gallery Group

Wednesdays 11am - 12pm

Prayer Focus



The Marxist government of Eritrea continues to target Christians for arbitrary arrest and long-term detention in overcrowded and brutal prison conditions, often without charge. In 2002, the government outlawed all places of worship except those of only three officially recognised Christian denominations - Orthodox, Roman Catholic and Lutheran - as well as Sunni Islam. Tens of thousands of Christians have fled Eritrea to escape repression. Remember those in prison in your prayers (Hebrews 13:3), as well as those meeting and ministering in secret in Eritrea, along with those who have become refugees in neighbouring countries.

This week we are praying for the residents of:

Pageant Walk / Park Hill Court /
Park Hill Mansions / Steep Hill

Readings for 28th September - Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Amos 6.1a, 4-7 / 1 Timothy 6.6-19 /
Luke 16.19-31

Diary Dates

October Breakfasts

In between the Sunday services

Harvest Festival

5th October

Quiz Night

11th October

James Reid Licensing Service & Parish welcome

12th & 19th October

Choral Evensong

19th October

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Dear St Matthew's

We met for the first of the Pilgrim course sessions on Monday 22nd September and it was a real joy. Thank you to everyone who came along. Please do consider joining the group for any/all of the remaining dates. It doesn't matter if you can't make them all, you are invited and welcome.

The next one is on Monday 6th October from 4.30-6pm in the church. There's food, fellowship and an opportunity to share our faith as we journey on together. It's an invitation to learn more about Jesus, to follow his way and to learn more about the love he has for each one of us; what being a Christian is and can be.

These were some of the words from the prayer Rev Linda read at the end;

Let your door stand open to receive Him, unlock your soul to Him, offer Him a welcome in your mind, and then you will see the riches of simplicity, the treasures of peace, the joy of grace. Throw wide the gate of your heart, stand before the sun of the everlasting light...
(Ambrose c. 334-97)

With my prayers.

Rev Ruth

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