



5th October 2025

# PEWS 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

## Gallery Group

Wednesdays 11am - 12pm

## Prayer Focus



"I have lived many years, but I have never seen a day like this. For weeks, I survived by eating wild leaves and prayer. When I received this food, I sat on the bag and wept because I knew God had not forgotten me." These words from an elderly widow typify the gratitude felt by vulnerable Christian families in famine-stricken South Sudan at receiving essential food aid. Barnabas Aid's donations of maize flour, sorghum, lentils and cooking oil supported 250 households. Give thanks for the delivery of this aid and pray that God will meet the needs of South Sudanese Christians as they struggle with acute poverty.

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

Arthur Court / Cedar View / Wilhelmina House  
/ Sudbury Gardens

## Readings for 5th October - Harvest Festival

Psalm 8: 1-19 / Hebrews 1: 1-4; 2: 5-12  
/ Matthew 6: 25-34

## Diary Dates

### October Breakfasts

In between the Sunday services

### Quiz Night

11th October

### James Reid Licensing Service & Parish welcome

12th & 19th October

### Choral Evensong

19th October

### Messy Church

30th October - 10-12pm

## Follow Us



## Support Us

Recycle  Charity

 easyfundraising

### ROOF APPEAL



Please support our ongoing work  
in the community



Dear St Matthew's

May I thank you for what you are able to give for the collection at the Harvest service this week 5th October. Donations will be going to Nightwatch in Croydon. Please do hold their important work in your prayers this week. Please do also hold James Reid in your prayers as he prepares to be licensed as a Reader on Sunday 12th October.

With my prayers as ever.  
Rev Ruth



**QUIZ NIGHT**

£5 QUIZ ONLY

£20 FAMILY TICKET: FOOD & QUIZ

£10 SINGLE TICKET: FOOD & QUIZ

**SATURDAY OCT 11**

7pm | Fish & Chips      8pm | Quiz  
Maximum 8 people per team

To book:  
See Jan or Jane P or contact Penny in the office

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