



# 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



Lebanon continues to endure deep economic hardship, political instability and the lasting impact of recent crises, leaving many Christian families struggling to meet their daily needs. Churches work tirelessly to care for the vulnerable, yet poverty and uncertainty weigh heavily on believers. Please pray for strength, provision and hope for Lebanon's Christians, that their faith will not falter. Ask God to give wisdom and integrity to leaders, and that His peace will overcome unrest. May Christ's presence bring comfort, courage and restoration, sustaining His people in these difficult times.

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

Ranmore Avenue / Red House /  
Reynolds Way / Tipton Drive

## Readings for 16th November - Second Sunday before Advent

Malachi 4.1-2a / 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13 /  
Luke 21.5-19

## Diary Dates

### Pilgrim Course

Continues on the 17th  
November - 4.30pm

### Christmas Tree Festival Concert

30th November - 5pm

### Toy Service

7th December - 10am

### Carol Singing at East Croydon

10th December - 5-7pm

### Christmas Lunch

14th December - noon

### Christmas Tree Festival

30 Nov to 31 Dec

## Follow Us



## Support Us

Please support our ongoing work  
in the community

### ROOF APPEAL



Dear fellow followers of Christ

On Monday afternoon, Rev Ruth and I attended a meeting of like minded priests in our Diocese who all support greater equality for all in the church, no matter for example their gender or sexuality. It was truly uplifting to be in the same room as so many people who interpret the Gospel message in the same way as we do. Christ calls us to do this – to treat each and every person we meet as someone as valuable to and loved by God, their creator, as we consider ourselves to be.

Valuing God’s creation in all its glorious variety is not solely about appreciating nature – something that is particularly noticeable when we are surrounded by the beautiful autumnal colours of the moment – but is also about the people we meet. St Matthew’s welcomes all in the name of Christ and my prayer this week is that we continue to do so

May you see and value the Christ in each and every person you meet this week.

With every blessing

Linda

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