



23rd November 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



More than 50 Christians were arrested by Iran's Ministry of Intelligence in the days following the conflict with Israel in June. They were accused of involvement in "anti-security" activities and possession of arms. Some of those arrested were detained on returning to Iran after attending a gathering organised in a neighbouring country by a church abroad. Farsi (Persian)-speaking converts from Islam are forbidden from attending Christian worship services in Iran. Pray that the authorities will recognise that Christians pose no threat to national security and that all believers will be released.

This week we are praying for the residents of:

Rochester Gardens / Rowan Gardens /
Runnymede Court / Waldegrove

Readings for 23rd November - Christ the King

Jeremiah 23.1-6 / Colossians 1.11-20 /
Luke 23.33-43

Diary Dates

Christmas Tree Festival Concert

30th November - 5pm

Pilgrim Course

Continues on the 1st
December - 4.30pm

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

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Dear St Matthew's

Today is the last Sunday of the Church year before we begin again with the season of Advent next Sunday. Today is the Feast of Christ the King and also is known more informally as stir up Sunday.

This is reflected in the post Communion prayer;

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit
of good works, may by you be plenteously
rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Today is also the day when many people make their Christmas cakes and puddings.

I pray that God will continue to stir up in all of us here the mission and witness we are called to as followers of Christ and beloved children of God.

With my prayers.
Rev Ruth

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