



30th November 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



The existence of Christianity in Afghanistan has never been officially recognised, with the result that the Taliban government considers any Christian in Afghanistan a convert from Islam regardless of their background. This means that our brothers and sisters in Afghanistan face the death penalty as apostates if their faith is discovered. Ask the Lord to sustain the faith of these secret believers even amidst the most trying and difficult of circumstances.

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

Rushmead Close / Rutland Gardens /  
Saville Gardens / Water Tower Hill

## Readings for 30th November - First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2.1-5 / Romans 13.11-14 /  
Matthew 24.36-44

## Diary Dates

30th November 2025

### 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

### Messy Church Christmas

Christmas Eve - 2-4pm

### Christmas Tree Festival

30 Nov to 31 Dec

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**ROOF APPEAL** in the community



Dear St Matthew's

30th November this year is Advent Sunday, the first Sunday of the beautiful season of Advent and the first day of the new church year. Truth be told it's probably one of my favourite seasons of the year, the sense of anticipation, of the preparation and of the now and the not yet. It's a time when we look back to the prophets, to the present when we think about how we can be Christ in this world and when we look to the future, both to celebrating the birth of Christ but also of the what is to come, with those words from Matthew, therefore you must also be ready.

I pray that during this season with all its busyness we would each find time to be still, to reflect and to pray.

"Brothers and sisters, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near." (Romans 13: 11-end)

With my prayers as ever.

Rev Ruth

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