



14th December 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



O Lord, we pray for Your children in Eritrea, who suffer arbitrary arrest and imprisonment for their faith. Thank You that these believers – who are arrested without charge or trial, and are beaten, starved, tortured and forced into labour – still have not forgotten You. Please stay with them, giving them strength and comfort in these horrible conditions. Change the hearts of the authorities, God, so that these brothers and sisters of ours will be released and live without fear. We ask this in the Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

This week we are praying for the residents of:

Selborne Road / Red Court /
Sheridan Court / Willow Mount

Readings for 14th December - Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 63.7-9 / Hebrews 2.10-end /
Matthew 2.13-end

Diary Dates

Carol Singing at Wilhelmina and Peony Court

22nd December. Meet at St Matthew's at 3.30pm to sing carols on the way to Wilhelmina for 4 and heading to Peony Court at 5pm

Messy Church Christmas

Christmas Eve - 2-4pm

No Renew 121

29th Dec

Parish Walk

1st January 2026

Epiphany Party at the Vicarage

4th January 2026

All Age Candlemas

31st January 2026

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Dear St Matthew's

This week is Advent 3 and we have some wonderful readings set for this week, including the Magnificat, telling us about God's kingdom. I thank you as always for all the ways you are Christ's presence in the world today and share God's love in this part of the kingdom.

With my prayers as always.
Rev Ruth



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