



28th December 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



Sovereign Lord, we bring before You the multitude of refugees who have fled their country and those displaced within their own lands. We pray that You will comfort them and lead them to places of safety, whether they be fleeing war, persecution, famine or natural disasters. We ask that those who profess faith in the Lord Jesus, who was Himself a refugee in Egypt, will especially know Your guidance and provision as they adjust to these circumstances. We ask You to mobilise Your people to support those in need in imitation of our Saviour, in whose Name we pray. (Matthew 2:13-15)

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

Spindlewood Gardens / St Arvan's Close  
St Clairs Road / Wren Court

## Readings for 28th December - Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7.10-16 / Romans 1.1-7 /  
Matthew 1.18-end

# Diary Dates

28th December 2025

## No Renew 121

29th Dec

## Parish Walk

1st January 2026

## Epiphany Party at the Vicarage

4th January 2026

## All Age Candlemas

31st January 2026

## Lay Ministry Taster Day

31st January 2026  
10-2pm at Trinity House

## St Matthew's Social

7th February 2026

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Dear St Matthew's

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a blessed and wonderful Christmas, New Year and Epiphany and to share this Christmas blessing;

May the joy of the angels,  
the eagerness of the shepherds,  
the perseverance of the wise men,  
the obedience of Joseph and Mary,  
and the peace of the Christ-child  
be yours this Christmas.

Rev Ruth

All Age  
Candlemas Service  
With Christingle and Crafts

31st  
January  
2-4pm

A collection  
will be taken  
for the  
Children's  
Society



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## St Matthew's New Year's Day Walk

'Beat the Bounds'

New Year's Day  
Meet at St Matthew's  
Church Car Park  
at 10.30 am



Walk part of the boundary of  
St Matthew's Parish



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