

January 2026

CROYDON CENTRAL DEANERY NEWS

Christ Church, Emmanuel, Croydon Minster,
St Andrew, St George, St Matthew,
St Mary Magdalene with St Martin,
St Michael with St James,
St Mildred, St Peter & St Augustine

Best wishes and peace for 2026 to all in our Deanery!

St Paul reminds us in Ephesians 4 that unity is not about sameness, but about a shared life rooted in humility, patience, gentleness and love, lived faithfully within our diversity.

Here's our outgoing Area Dean Revd Dr Geoff Dumbreck receiving a good send-off and installation as Archdeacon of Reigate

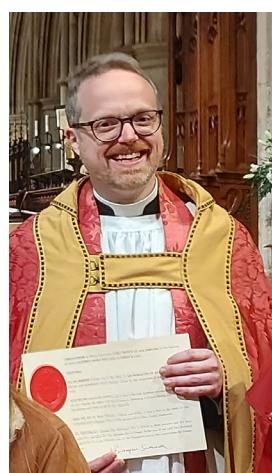
Last service at St Peter's



Amazing cake!



Service at Cathedral



**Our new Area Dean
Revd Ruth Chapman**



is Vicar of St Matthew's. She is a wife and mother of three, and is a fan of 'The West Wing'. Her commissioning will take place at our February Synod.

**What's happening in our Deanery
(If you don't share it, we can't share it.)**

- o Every Friday, 1.10 pm: Lunchtime Recitals (40 mins)
@ Croydon Minster, Church Street, CR0 1RN
- o 7th February, 7 pm: Quiz Night
@ St Mildred's CR0 7EB. Tickets £7.50. Contact 020 8655 1434 or parishoffice@stmildredschurch.org.uk

Diocesan racial justice gathering on 7 February 2026

Entitled "Truth-Telling in Sacred Spaces" at Southwark Cathedral to mark Racial Justice weekend. An event for everyone in our diocese who believes the Church must be a place of truth, welcome, and belonging. Whether a parish priest, lay leader, or simply someone seeking to understand how faith responds to history – this gathering is for you!

PLEASE NOTE: CHANGE OF VENUE FOR NEXT SYNOD

**Next Synod – Thursday 12th Feb 2026 - 8.00 pm @ St Matthew's Church,
Chichester Road, CR0 5NQ (refreshments @ 7.30 pm)**

Guest speaker: Leondre Douglas, Southwark Diocesan Board of Education