



11th January 2026

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



Please pray for our brother Maan Masih, a 21-year-old from Lahore, Pakistan, who was detained by police after a spurious allegation of "blasphemy" was made against him. In early September, Maan was accused of pulling down a banner containing the name of Muhammad, the prophet of Islam, during a Muslim celebration. Maan was released on bail the day after his arrest. Ask the Lord, our protector (Psalm 91:2), to protect Maan, his family and the wider Christian community from mob reprisals. Pray for the legal representatives, partnered with Barnabas Aid, who are supporting Maan as the case continues.

This week we are praying for the residents of:

Ashcroft Court / Caroline Close /
Wren Court / Groveland

Readings for 11th January - Baptism of Christ

Isaiah 42.1-9 / Acts 10.34-43/
Matthew 3.13-end

Diary Dates

How to Lead Intercessions

11th January 2026 after
church

Guest Preacher - Dr Charlotte Gauthier

25th January 2026 10am

All Age Candlemas

31st January 2026 2-4pm

Lay Ministry Taster Day

31st January 2026
10-2pm at Trinity House

St Matthew's Social

7th February 2026

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ROOF APPEAL



The Baptism of Christ by Malcolm Guite

Beginning here we glimpse the Three-in-one;

The river runs, the clouds are torn apart,
The Father speaks, the Spirit and the Son
Reveal to us the single loving heart
That beats behind the being of all things
And calls and keeps and kindles us to light.
The dove descends, the spirit soars and
sings

'You are belovèd, you are my delight!'

In that quick light and life, as water spills
And streams around the Man like quickening
rain,

The voice that made the universe reveals
The God in Man who makes it new again.
He calls us too, to step into that river
To die and rise and live and love forever.

Source: *Sounding the Seasons: Seventy Sonnets for the Christian Year*, © 2012 Malcolm Guite

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