



# 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

## Parish Games

3rd Wednesdays 2-4pm

## Prayer Focus



Our Father in heaven, we pray today for our new brothers and sisters, who have found Christ and converted to the true faith. We know that many of them risk persecution and ostracisation for their conversion, and in some places even risk their lives. We thank You for their courage and newfound faith, and ask that You watch over them, guiding them through the challenges they now face. Help them to find other believers, who can teach them the Scriptures and give them a community, so that they will not feel alone. We praise You for all who have sacrificed their earthly safety for the sake of Christ, in whose Name we pray.

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

Alden Court / Red Court / Peony Court

## Readings for 18th January - Second Sunday of Epiphany

Isaiah 49.1-7/Corinthians 1.1-9/  
John 1.29-42

## Diary Dates

### 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

### Barry Stevens

7th February 2026 7-9pm

### Chile Talk

14th February 2026  
2.30-4pm

### Parish Games

Starting 18th February  
2026 2-4pm

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Please support our ongoing work  
in the community

#### ROOF APPEAL



Dear St Matthew's

The week of 18th-25th January is the week of prayer for Christian Unity. Please join me in praying for our sisters and brothers in Christ both locally and around the world.

With my thanks and prayers.

Rev Ruth



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