



25th 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

Parish Games

3rd Wednesday 2-4pm

Prayer Focus



Sri Lanka's minority Christian community experiences harassment and hostility from extremists in other faith groups, despite constitutional promises of religious freedom. Many struggle to find work because of discrimination and are very poor. Attacks against Christians typically involve verbal abuse, threats against pastors, or demands that churches be closed. Protests are often led by monks from the majority Buddhist community, supported by police and local officials. Pray for courage and strength for Sri Lankan Christians and ask that they stand firm knowing the Lord is with them wherever they go (Joshua 1:9). Pray that Sri Lanka's leaders will work to uphold constitutional guarantees of religious freedom.

This week we are praying for the residents of:

Addiscombe Grove / Addiscombe Road /
Alpine Close / Langton Way

Readings for 25th January - Second Sunday of Epiphany

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

Diary Dates

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

Ruth's Commissioning

12th February 2026
7.30pm

Chile Talk

14th February 2026
2.30-4pm

Parish Games

Starting 18th February
2026 2-4pm

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