



1st February 2026

# 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

## Parish Games

3rd Wednesday 2-4pm

## Prayer Focus



Lift up in prayer our brothers and sisters in Nepal, after protests and the resulting crackdown led to widespread violence and the collapse of the government. Christians now represent an estimated 5% of the Nepali population, and this growth in numbers has led to increased suspicion and hostility from some within the Hindu majority. Pray for a political settlement that respects the rights of all Nepali citizens, and that believers will be protected from extremists.

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

Arthur Court / Cedar View /  
Wilhelmina House

## Readings for 1st February - Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Malachi 3.1-5 / Hebrews 2.14-end /  
Luke 2.22-40

# Diary Dates

1st February 2026

## 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

## Mihaly Gyorfi Concert

22nd February 7.30pm

## Follow Us



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## Support Us

Please support our ongoing work  
in the community

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Recycle  Charity

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Dear St Matthew's

This week we celebrate Candlemas when Simeon and Anna meet the infant Christ and the fulfilment of a life's waiting. And we will hear the beautiful words of the Nunc Dimitis which I copy below.

God bless and may you know Christ's presence with you this week.

Rev Ruth

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word.  
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,  
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

BYO FOOD AND DRINK

2026  
Raise The Roof  
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT FROM  
**BARRY STEVENS**

60S, 70S, 80S AND THE MUSICALS

**SATURDAY  
7TH FEBRUARY  
7-9 PM**

£10 SINGLE/£20 FAMILY  
TICKETS FROM JANE PASSFIELD  
OR PENNY GOSWELL

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FREE ENTRY  
WITH RETIRING  
DONATION

STEFAN ROGERS AND  
MIHALY GYORFI  
PRESENT

**CELLO-PIANO  
RECITAL**

BRAHMS CELLO SONATA NO. 1 IN E MINOR | BEETHOVEN 7 VARIATIONS  
ON A THEME FROM 'THE MAGIC FLUTE' | CHOPIN AND GLAZUNOV

22ND FEBRUARY  
7.30 PM  
ST MATTHEW'S  
CHURCH

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