



19th July 2026

PEWS NEWS

Church of St Matthew, Croydon

www.stmatthew.org.uk

Services

Sundays at 8.30am (except second Sunday of the month) - said service of Holy Communion and 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 9 to 10.30am

Renew 121

Mondays 2-4pm

Gallery Group

Wednesdays 11am - 12pm

Parish Games

3rd Wednesday 2-4pm

Prayer Focus



Christians in Saudi Arabia continue to face severe restrictions on worship. Converts from Islam live in fear of social ostracism, abuse or even death at the hands of family members and former friends if their conversion becomes known. Apostasy is a capital offence, though no executions are known to have been carried out in recent years. Pray that Christians in Saudi Arabia will remain strong in their faith and undeterred by these restrictions, keeping close to God despite the dangers they face for doing so.

This week we are praying for the residents of:

Alden Court / Red Court / Peony Court / Elizabeth Court

Readings for 19th July - Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 28.10-19a / Romans 8.12-25 / Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

Diary Dates

19th July 2026

Paul Parmenter's funeral

22nd July at 12.30pm.
East Chapel, Croydon
Crematorium. Followed
by a gathering at St
Matthew's.

Bishop Peter Price leading service

2nd August at 10am
No 8.30am service

Messy Church

10th & 24th August
11-1pm

Glastonbury at St Matthew's

22nd August 2-4pm

Pet & Bag Blessing Service

30th August 10am

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Recycle  Charity

Dear St Matthew's

This week's Pews News message is inspired by a film I saw this week, The Sheep Detectives. Whilst not a religious film it has some good gospel messages in it and it's definitely worth a watch. Without giving much away, the film talks about belonging to a flock. This Sunday we are celebrating a baptism and welcoming a new member to Christ's flock here at St Matthew's. What a joy! Please do pray for Samara and her family as she begins her faith journey with Christ, the good shepherd.

God bless you all.
Rev Ruth

PET AND BAG BLESSING SERVICE
SUNDAY 30TH AUGUST
10AM



All animals are welcome but please ensure your animals are kept secure: dogs are kept on leads / pets kept in their carriers during the service. It is the owner's responsibility.

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Messy Church



Crafts,
Singing
and
Refreshments

Free of charge

10th & 24th August
11am to 1pm

Keep an eye out on the church website and social media for information

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