



2nd August 2026

PEWS NEWS

Church of St Matthew, Croydon

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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



Heavenly Father, we lift up to You our sisters in Christ who as women are especially vulnerable to persecution. We pray for Christian women who are left without support and protection for themselves and their children, either because they are widows, because their husbands have been imprisoned for their faith, or because they are Christian converts who have been abandoned by their families. We ask that You will shelter our sisters from harm under the shadow of Your wings, and that they will know the protection of the Good Shepherd, our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose Name we pray. (Psalm 17:8-10; John 10:11).

This week we are praying for the residents of:

Arthur Court / Cedar View / Wilhelmina House

Readings for 2nd August - Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 32.22-31 / Romans 9.1-5 /
Matthew 14.13-21

Diary Dates

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No Morning Prayer or Eucharist

w/c 3rd August

Messy Church

10th & 24th August

11-1pm

Glastonbury at St Matthew's

22nd August 2-4pm

Pet & Bag Blessing Service

30th August 10am

No Toddler Group

in August

No Parish Games

in August.

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Dear friends in Christ

Following on from Ruth's message last week, our Romans reading for this coming Sunday is what is known as 'Paul's sadness' – St Paul expressing his sorrow over the unbelief of his people, the Israelites. His sadness is deep and painful.

There is a lot in this world to be sad about – not least of all the natural beauty currently being destroyed in France and Spain because, mainly, of global warming. But our passage from Matthew provides the hope and love we need as we hear of Christ feeding the five thousand – finding a way to provide for the needs of all.

With generosity of heart, I pray that we may also be able to provide Christ's love to all those who need it in and around this parish.

Wishing you a blessed week

Rev Linda



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