



16th August 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



Heavenly Father, we bring before You our Christian family in Saudi Arabia. We ask You to sustain them in a land where they form a tiny minority in the birthplace of Islam. We give thanks that recent reforms have softened some of the country's harshest laws and pray that Your people will have greater freedom to exercise their faith. We ask You to build up our Saudi brothers and sisters, almost all converts from Islam and secret believers. We ask for Your Divine direction and discernment upon them so that they build confidently on the cornerstone of our faith, our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose mighty Name we pray. (Ephesians 2:20)

This week we are praying for the residents of:

Alden Court / Red Court / Peony Court / Elizabeth Court

Readings for 16th August - Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 45.1-15 / Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32 / Matthew 15.10-28

Diary Dates

16th August 2026

Glastonbury at St Matthew's

22nd August 2-4pm

Messy Church

24th August 11-1pm

Pet & Bag Blessing Service

30th August 10am

No Toddler Group

in August

No Parish Games

in August.

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Please support our ongoing work
in the community

ROOF APPEAL



Recycle 4 Charity



Dear friends in Christ

This coming Sunday we hear the end of that now famous story of Joseph (and his amazing technicolour dreamcoat) – how he reveals to his brothers that he is still alive and ruling Egypt and can save the whole family during a famine. And it is also the story of great forgiveness, and the bringing together of a family split by envy and enmity.

Huge things can happen when the generosity of forgiveness is at work in this world. When we can see past something that causes us great pain and, rather than responding by trying to replicate that hurt we are able to offer love instead. It takes a generosity of heart to do this, and it comes for us from the love that Christ showed us in giving of himself on the cross.

May your week be filled with the love of Christ and may you, like Joseph, offer forgiveness to those who need it.

Every blessing

Linda

GLASTONBURY
at St Matthew's
22ND AUGUST
2-4PM

primary school bangers
(hymns you sang at primary school)

pinnies FREE OF CHARGE

do you have a favourite?
(fill in a ballot paper)

OUTSIDE DONATIONS for church & roof welcome

St Matthew's Church,
Chichester Road, CR0 5NQ
www.stmatthew.org.uk

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

St Matthew's Church,
Chichester Road, CR0 5NQ
www.stmatthew.org.uk

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