



30th 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



Father God, we pray for Christians in Afghanistan, and those returning to the country, who often face intense persecution because of their faith. We pray for any Christian converts who have come from a Muslim background, who live in hiding under the threat of a death sentence. Please help them and protect them in the situation they are living in - often destitute and unable to make a living. We pray that You will help all our brothers and sisters remain steadfast against the demands of a world around them that would pressure them to deny their faith. In Jesus' Name we pray.

This week we are praying for the residents of:

Lyndhurst Close / Maresfield /
Maybourne Grange

Readings for 30th August - Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Exodus 3.1-15 / Romans 12.9-end /
Matthew 16.21-end

Diary Dates

30th August 2026

Patronal Festival

27th September

October Breakfasts

11th, 18th, 25th October
and 1st November

Harvest Festival

11th October

All Souls Service

1st November

Choral Evensong

2nd November

Remembrance Service

8th November

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Dear St Matthew's

This week's reading from Paul's letter to the Romans reminds us of the best ways to live in community with one another;

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. [e]Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

I pray that we would be able to hold fast to these sentiments as we journey forward together as a community. We especially hold in our prayers those who are returning to school in different years, those starting new schools and those starting college or university. May God's blessings be with you.

We also give thanks to God today for the love and affection of our pets and the blessing they are in our lives.

With my prayers as ever.
Rev Ruth

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