18th October 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



Churches in Qatar exist only under firm restrictions. Christian worship is only permitted in one government-owned complex in Doha, the capital city. Even here church buildings cannot include any external religious symbols. Evangelism and leaving Islam are both punishable offences (though no punishments are known to have been carried out since 1971). As in many Muslim-majority contexts, converts from Islam are at additional risk of reprisals from their family, neighbours or former friends. Lift up in prayer our brothers and sisters facing hostility from both the state and the wider community.

This week we are praying for the residents of:

Alden Court / Red Court / Peony Court / Thanescroft Gardens / Elizabeth Court

Readings for 18th October - The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Exodus 33.12–end / 1 Thessalonians 1.1–10 / Matthew 22.15–22

Diary Dates

October Breakfasts
25th October

Deanery Confirmation and Baptism Service
18th October - 4pm at St Matthew's

27th October
Funeral of Nicole - 27th October at 11am at St Matthew's. Followed by Beckeham Crem for family only.

Messy Church
29th October

Service of Thanksgiving to Commemorate the Faithful Departed
1st November at 7pm

Remembrance Service
8th November at 7pm

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ROOF APPEAL

Recycle 4 Charity

Dear St Matthew's

We have the wonderful occasion on Sunday of Baptisms and Confirmations. Please do hold all the candidates in your prayers and especially those from St Matthew's as they take this precious next step in their faith journeys:

St Matthew Croydon:
Karl Sheppard

Geoffrey Ndokwu
Somayeh (Tina) Jounaghani

South Croydon Benefice of St Peter and St Augustine:

Chimamanda Jasmine Ikenna

Chimdiebube Jayden Ikenna

Andrew John Murden (St Augustine's)

God bless. Ruth





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