15th November 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



Many children in Christian-majority Uganda are going without the education they need, owing to poverty and lack of opportunity. Only one in four children attend secondary school, and many young people miss out on gaining the skills and knowledge that they need for later life. Barnabas Aid is working with a Ugandan Christian NGO to support 130 Christian children to attend school. Among them are impoverished Ugandan children as well as refugees whose lives have been turned upside down by the horrors of war. Please pray for our young brothers and sisters, asking that they will grow in all knowledge and understanding – and most importantly in their knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

This week we are praying for the residents of:

Alden Court / Red Court / Peony Court / Turnpike Link / Elizabeth Court

Readings for 15th November - Second Sunday before Advent - Safeguarding Sunday

Zephaniah 1.7, 12-end / 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11 / Matthew 25.14-30

Diary Dates

Choral Evensong
22nd November at 6.30pm

Antarctica and Falkland Islands Talk
28th November 2.30pm

Christmas Tree Festival
29th November to 31st December

Christmas Tree Festival Concert 29th November at 5pm

Carol Singing at East Croydon 9th December at 5-7pm

Toy Service - 13th December 13th December at 10am

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Dear friends

This Sunday we are celebrating Safeguarding Sunday – a time when we remember that we don't always get loving protection of our neighbours quite right. We will all be aware of the media coverage of mistakes that have been made, both in the church and elsewhere, and I would hope that we are all aware of the need for us to be fully cognisant of how we protect vulnerable people in the context of church life. This is not simply to abide by the laws of the land, it is to offer the love of Christ to everyone and to offer them the protection that Christ's love provides.

Love, we are told in 1 Corinthians 13, 'does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth.'. To be fully aware, we need to learn about all the ways in which we can safeguard the vulnerable and we give thanks for the training we are given and the ways in which this can improve our readiness to action when necessary.

May your lives this week be filled with the loving protection of Jesus Christ.

Linda

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