8th 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



Sovereign Lord, we lift up to You the struggles of Christians persecuted for following You in Afghanistan. We pray that You will direct the paths of Your people who are faced with the choice to convert to Islam, leave the country or be executed as apostates. We thank You for congregations that are meeting, even though they must exercise the utmost secrecy. We ask for humanitarian aid to reach the country as it contends with acute hunger and poverty. Please provide for the Afghan people, especially Your Church, because we ask in the precious Name of Your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. (Proverbs 16:9)

This week we are praying for the residents of:

Chepstow Road / Red House / Reynolds Way / Tipton Drive

Readings for 8th November - Remembrance Sunday

Wisdom of Solomon 6.12–16 / 1 Thessalonians 4.13–end / Matthew 25.1–13

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 St Matthew's

This Sunday is Remembrance Sunday and this year I have been particularly reflecting on the Kohima Epitaph, When you go home, tell them of us and say, for your tomorrow we gave our today.

I think has stuck with me this year especially because of the idea of story telling which was explored beautifully at this year's Black History Month service at Southwark Cathedral.

The stories that have been told and passed down to us allow us to remember the past, those who fought and suffered and who ultimately allow us to live the lives we can today.

As Maya Angelou wrote: "History, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be unlived, but if faced with courage, need not be lived again."

God bless.

Rev Ruth

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