

# PEW'S NEWS

#### Church of St Matthew, Croydon

#### www.stmatthew.org.uk

#### Services

Sundays at 8.30am - said service of Holy Communion Sundays at10am 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

#### **Messy Church**

2024 Dates: 10/6, 8/7 3.30 to 5pm

#### **Toddler Group**

Thursdays 8.30/9am to 10.30am

#### Renew 121

Every Monday - 2-4pm

**Prayer Focus** 



Christians in Nepal can face persecution not only from the community but also from the authorities. Since 2018 it has been illegal to attempt to convert a Hindu or a Buddhist or to "hurt religious sentiment". With this vague wording, almost any Christian activity could potentially be deemed illegal. At the end of last year, Nepali pastors were facing nine court cases on fabricated charges under this law. There is a possible punishment of five years in prison. Lift up these pastors in prayer to our God, who in all things works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28). Nepali Christians believe it is because the Church is growing so fast that they are being persecuted. - - -

# This week we are praying for the residents of:

Alden Court / Red Court / Peony Court / Elizabeth Court

# Readings for 19th May -Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2.1-21 / Romans 8.22-27 / John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15

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## **Diary Dates**

# **Trinity Sunday Informal Worship Night** 26th May, 7pm St Matthew's Parish Walk 27th May, 10.30am **Coffee mornings** 2nd & 4th Sat of the month. 10.30 to noon. **Follow Us** Facebook f **RSS** Feed 5 Twitter **Support Us** Recycle 🏠 Charity easyfundraising feel good shopping ROOF APPEAL Please support our ongoing work in the community Thank you for giving to St Matthew's

On Sunday 19th May this year we are celebrating the great feast of Pentecost when God as Holy Spirit was given to those first disciples. It's a day too when we give thanks for the gifts the Holy Spirit bestows on us today. We remember those especially as we meet after the service for the APCM. I continue to give thanks for the many gifts and blessings so very present here at St Matthews and pray that the Holy Spirit would be with us as we meet.

With my love and prayers.

### Rev Ruth



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