



PEW'S NEWS

Church of St Matthew, Croydon

www.stmatthew.org.uk

Services

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

Messy Church

2024 Dates: 9/9, 14/10, 11/11, 9/12

3.30 to 5pm

Toddler Group

Thursdays 8.30/9am to 10.30am

Renew 121

Every Monday - 2-4pm

Prayer Focus



Lord Jesus, we ask for Your protection over all our brothers and sisters who are displaced within their own country, and all Christians who are refugees. Whether they are escaping war, poverty, or persecution for their faith in You, help them to remember that You are their fortress. Stay with them, Lord, and comfort them as they leave their homes and seek refuge elsewhere. Send Your Holy Spirit to give them strength as they try to rebuild their lives and bring them out of danger and into safety.

This week we are praying for the residents of:

Alden Court / Red Court /
Peony Court / Elizabeth Court

Readings for 21st July - Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Jeremiah 23.1-6 /
Ephesians 2.11-22 / Mark 6.30-34, 53-56

Diary Dates

Holiday at Home for Seniors

19th - 21st August 2-4pm

Bag Blessing Service

1st September - 10am

Hidden Voices Course

Starts 14th September - 2pm

An Evening with Bishop Rose

28th September - 7pm.

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19th to 21st August 2024
2-4pm

Holiday at Home For Seniors

Join us at St Matthew's for three afternoons of fun. Free of charge. Donations welcome. Register your interest with Penny in the office.

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR

BAG BLESSING SERVICE

1ST SEPTEMBER 10AM

PLEASE BRING YOUR SCHOOL BAG, PENCIL CASE OR PE BAG FOR A BLESSING. ST MATTHEW'S PRAYS FOR ALL THOSE BEGINNING THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

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Hidden Voices

Saturdays 2 - 4 pm with a break for drinks and cake
14th and 28th September, 12th and 26th October 2024
St Matthew's Church, Chichester Rd, Croydon CR0 5NQ

This 4-week course is about **Modern Slavery Right Here, Right Now!** It is designed to help churches and communities respond to modern slavery.

What can churches and communities do about modern slavery?

- ✓ spot the signs of modern slavery and help the police to find victims.
- ✓ prevent vulnerable people you meet from being trafficked or exploited.
- ✓ support survivors of modern slavery, helping them overcome their experiences.

Hidden Voices is for churches with a passion for working with their communities and responding to the needs of the vulnerable and marginalised. It describes a simple process to help build community, with the church acting as a catalyst.

Hidden Voices is written in four parts:

- Setting the scene for action
- Detection
- Prevention
- Action planning

Each session includes

- Biblical reflections
- Practical tools
- Case studies
- Activities to help you work alongside your community and see how you might already be coming across modern slavery without knowing it.

We hope churches that do the Hidden Voices course will feel inspired and ready to start their own project by the end. You might not have all the answers, but you will certainly know where to start and you will receive ongoing support from the Southwark Churches Against Modern Slavery group.

To find out more please contact Penny in the church office.

An evening with

BISHOP ROSE

28TH SEPTEMBER 7PM

The Right Reverend Bishop Rose Hudson Wilkin, Bishop of Dover and Former Speaker's Chaplain in the House of Commons

You are invited to come along and hear about Bishop Rose's life and ministry. Followed by Q&A.

KUDOS GOSPEL CHOIR + MUSIC FROM ARCHBISHOP TENISON'S

REFRESHMENTS

Free entry with a collection for the church/roof

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Empty shampoo bottles needed for the refugee day centre so they can refill them and sell them for 25p

Contact Us

Vicar - The Revd Ruth Chapman - email revruthchapman@gmail.com (not available on Fridays)

Asst Priest - The Revd Linda Fox on 07736 708828 or email linda.stmatthews@gmail.com

The Parish Office - Contact Penny on 020 8681 3147 or email stmatthewcroydon@gmail.com Mon-Fri 9am to 12pm.