



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

Coffee Mornings

2nd & 4th Sats. 10.30 to 12

Prayer Focus



Heavenly Father, we lift up before You our brothers and sisters who face the daily threat of anti-Christian violence at the hands of terrorists. We pray for their protection against those who seek to instil fear. We particularly remember our brothers and sisters in northern Nigeria, the Sahel, Mozambique and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Please enable Your children to trust that You will strengthen, help and uphold them with Your righteous right hand. We ask in the Name of the One who triumphed over terror and evil, our Lord Jesus Christ. (Isaiah 41:10)

This week we are praying for the residents of:

Lyndhurst Close / Maresfield /
Maybourne Grange

Readings for 1st September - Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Deuteronomy 4.1-2, 6-9 / James 1.17-27 /
Mark 7.1-8, 14, 15, 21-23

Diary Dates

Toddler Group restarts

5th September 8.30am

Messy Church restarts

9th September 3.30pm

Hidden Voices Course

Starts 14th September - 2pm

Open House & Ride Stride

14th September - 2pm

An Evening with Bishop Rose

28th September - 7pm

Reflective Prayer Service

29th September - 7pm

October Breakfasts

In-between Sunday services

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Loving God,
 Thank you for our schools, for those who work there and the children they educate.
 Please bless them in their work and play.
 Thank you for my friends, neighbours and work colleagues.
 Thank you that I have the chance to learn new things every day.
 Please bless me too and help me to know that you're there for me.
 Amen

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

St Matthew's Church,
 Chichester Road, CR0 5NQ
 www.stmatthew.org.uk

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?
 The truth is you are key to solving this puzzle. For starters, you can:

- ✓ 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.

Contact Us

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