



# PEW'S NEWS

Church of St Matthew, Croydon

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## 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: 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



Uzbekistan's parliament is drafting a law to introduce punishments for parents or guardians who allow their children to receive "illegal" religious education before the age of 18. The aim is supposedly to "further strengthen the rights of children". Planned amendments to existing laws could lead to fines of a month's wages or jail terms of up to 15 days for parents failing to comply. Such a law could have serious consequences for Christians seeking to educate children in the faith. Pray that the planned law does not reach the statute books and there will be no further restrictions on the education of Christian children.

## This week we are praying for the residents of:

Arthur Court / Cedar View /  
Wilhelmina House / Tidenham Gardens

## Readings for 3rd November - All Saints Day

Wisdom of Solomon 3.1-9 / Revelation  
21.1-6 / John 11.32-44

## Diary Dates

**Service of Thanksgiving to Commemorate the Faithful Departed**

4th November at 7pm

**Youth Night**

9th November at 5.30pm

**Remembrance Service**

10th November

**Messy Church**

11th November

**Reflective Prayer Service**

17th November at 7pm

**Christmas Bazaar**

30th November at 10am -2pm

**Christmas Concert**

1st December at 5pm

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ROOF APPEAL

**SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING TO COMMEMORATE THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**  
Monday 4th November at 7pm  
Followed by light refreshments

*"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away." Revelation 21:4*

Light a candle to remember those we love but see no longer

For pastoral support please do contact the Parish Office, 020 8681 3147 or contact Rev Ruth on revruthchapman@gmail.com

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**REMEMBRANCE SERVICE**

SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER  
10am  
ALL WELCOME

St Matthew's Church,  
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**Messy Church**

Messy Church is a space for people of all ages and stages of their faith journey. Each session includes worship, themed crafts and activities.  
Free of charge. Refreshments included.  
Children need to be accompanied by an adult  
3.30pm to 5pm

**2024 DATES (second Monday of the month):**

9th September      11th November  
14th October        9th December

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**REFLECTIVE PRAYER SERVICE**

29th September  
Refreshments at 7pm  
Service at 7.30pm

and then every third Sunday of the month:

**20TH OCTOBER  
17TH NOVEMBER**

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## Contact Us

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**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.