



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

Toddler Group

Thursdays 8.30 to 10.30am

Renew 121

Mondays 2-4pm

Coffee Mornings

2nd & 4th Sats. 10.30 to 12

Gallery Group

Wednesdays 11am - 12pm

Prayer Focus



Christian-majority Ethiopia experienced prolonged drought from 2020 to 2023. This caused widespread food insecurity and was devastating for farmers. This period of drought was followed by floods from September 2023 to March 2024. The floods killed livestock and caused crop losses, which heightened the existing food insecurity. This hunger was compounded by conflict which has hindered Ethiopia's economy - many people are now unable to afford even the bare essentials. As of September 2024, 10.8 million Ethiopians are at critical levels of food insecurity. Pray for our brothers and sisters in Ethiopia, that they will obtain enough food to sustain them, and that the Lord will give them strength through this time of great struggle.

This week we are praying for the residents of:

Rushmead Close / Rutland Gardens
Saville Gardens / Water Tower Hill

Readings for 1st December - First Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33.14-16 /
1 Thessalonians 3.9-13 / Luke 21.25-36

Diary Dates

Christmas Tree Festival

Up until 28th December

Funeral of Thelma Davis

3rd December at
10.45am. Croydon Crem.

Toy Service

8th December at 10am

Messy Church

9th December at 10am

Carol Singing at East Croydon

11th December at
5pm

Social at the Vicarage

14th December at
6-8pm. Bring and Share

Christmas Services

See poster for details

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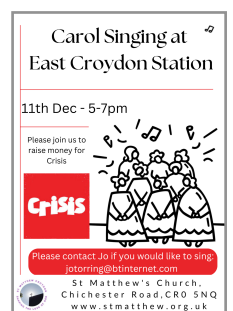
Dear St Matthew's family

This Sunday is Advent Sunday, the first Sunday of the new church year. Advent is a wonderful season to enable us to prepare.

I'd like to share the words of the Bishop of London, Rt Rev Sarah Mullally who wrote, Advent tells us we must wait. Lifting us beyond the routine and the obvious, Advent invites us to watch, to expect the unexpected and to live in hope today.

My prayers my brothers and sisters as we begin to travel through this Advent season together.

Rev Ruth



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