



# PEW'S NEWS

Church of St Matthew, Croydon

[www.stmatthew.org.uk](http://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

## 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



"Only God knows how we are going to survive until the next harvest next year," said Georgina, a farmer in the Mudzi district of Christian-majority Zimbabwe. "I did not harvest anything after all my effort and using all our savings to buy seeds." Zimbabwe is one of several southern African countries suffering a worsening hunger crisis caused by drought. People there report having no food to give their children. Ask the Lord to bring an end to this crisis. Pray that He will once again provide the earth with rain (Psalm 147:8).

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

Rochester Gardens / Rowan Gardens  
Runnymede Court / Waldegrove

## Readings for 24th November - Safeguarding Sunday

Daniel 7.9-10, 13, 14 / Revelation 1.4b-8  
/ John 18.33-37

## Diary Dates

### An Autumnal Harvest Concert

28th November at 1pm

### Christmas Bazaar

30th November at 10am -2pm

### Advent Course

After church up until Candlemas

### Christmas Concert

1st December at 5pm

### Christmas Tree Festival

30th November to 28th December

### Carol Singing at East Croydon

11th December at 5pm

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ROOF APPEAL

This Sunday, 24th November is the last Sunday in the church's year before we begin the new year on Advent Sunday. We also mark the feast of Christ the King this week where we are reminded in our readings that Christ is the Alpha and the Omega, the one who is and was and is to come.

May we remember and trust in Christ's presence in our lives, through all things, now and in the years to come.

With my prayers as always.  
 Rev Ruth

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THURSDAY 28TH NOVEMBER  
 1PM AT ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH

AN AUTUMNAL HARVEST  
 LUNCHEON CONCERT

A preview of our upcoming Naxos Recording featuring the violin and piano duo works of Edmund RUBBRA.

Performed by:  
 Stephen Bryant (Leader of the BBC Symphony Orchestra) & Caroline Jaya-Ratnam (former Director of Music of St Matthews, Croydon) with special guest Mark Sheridan (cellist in the BBC Symphony Orchestra) sharing gems of the 'cello repertoire.

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Women of the Nativity  
 A Christmas Journey in Nine Stories  
 Reflection & Prayer after the Sunday Services until Candlemas

11.45am to 12.15pm

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