

# PEWS 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**



More than 40% of children under the age of five in Afghanistan are so malnourished that their growth is stunted. This is just one shocking statistic that lays bare the scale of the humanitarian disaster that is taking place in Taliban-ruled Afghanistan, which is enduring crisis levels of food insecurity. Pray that the humanitarian needs in this country will be met. Remember especially our brothers and sisters who will likely be killed for apostasy from Islam if their Christian faith is discovered.

# This week we are praying for the residents of:

Arthur Court / Cedar View / Wilhelmina House / Weaver Close

# Readings for 8th December - Second Sunday of Advent

Malachi 3.1-4 / Philippians 1.3-11 / Luke 3.1-6



MONDAY 9TH
DECEMBER - 3.30PM
ALL WELCOME!

## **Diary Dates**

#### **Messy Church**

9th December at 10am

#### **Women of the Nativity**

Reflection & Prayer after the 10am service until Candlemas

# Carol Singing at East Croydon

11th December at 5pm

#### Social at the Vicarage

14th December at6-8pm. Bring and Share

#### **Christingle Service**

24th December at 5pm

#### **Christmas Services**

See poster for details

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### **Support Us**



## Dear St Matthew's family

A very, very big thank you to everyone who helped organise and supported the Christmas Bazaar and the Christmas Tree Festival and Concert. It was wonderful to open the doors of St Matthew's to so many last weekend and my thanks again to all those who enabled that to happen.

I was reflecting on the way home after the concert that for some people that were there, this may have been the only opportunity this Christmas to sing carols in a church and how wonderful that we were able to offer that opportunity at St Matthew's.

With every blessing as we continue to journey through Advent.

Rev Ruth

#### **Contact Us**

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