



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



Islamic State Central Africa Province (ISCAP, also known as the Allied Democratic Forces) slaughtered dozens of Christians in north-eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) in the second half of 2024. In just one incident in the province of Ituri, the Islamists captured and beheaded 15 people in a Christian village. Cry out to the Lord for an end to this relentless killing - but also pray that if the onslaught continues He will strengthen His people to endure their hardship and remain faithful, even to the point of death.

This week we are praying for the residents of:

Arthur Court / Cedar View /
Wilhelmina House

Readings for 2nd February - Candlemas

Malachi 3.1-5 / Hebrews 2.14-18 /
Luke 2.22-40

Diary Dates

Women of the Nativity

Reflection & Prayer after the 10am service - Last one on 2nd February.

Renew 121

3rd February at 2pm

Toddler Group

6th February at 8.30am

Australia Talk

8th February at 2.30pm

Games Afternoon

20th February at 2.30pm

Musicals come to St Matthew's

22nd February at 7pm

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Dear St Matthew's family

This Sunday is Candlemas one of my favourite times of the church year. It's when we remember Simeon and Anna meeting the infant Christ, with Mary and Joseph, in the temple. This was the culmination of a lifetime of waiting for Simeon and Anna, just as the Holy Family was beginning their life together. It's a time too when candles for use in church would be blessed for the year ahead, and a reminder that we are called to share the light of Christ with those around us. I look forward to celebrating Candlemas on Sunday as a church community.

I also wanted to let all those on the church WhatsApp group know that going forward, there will be a slight change in that the permissions on it will be changed so that only myself, Rev Linda, Edith and Steve as churchwardens will be administrators on the group. You can continue to post as before. If you are not on the group and would like to be added please do speak to myself, Rev Linda, Edith or Steve.

I'd like to draw your attention too to the Discipleship and Ministry courses being offered by the Diocese - they can be found here: <https://southwark.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Spring-2025-web.pdf> It's a really interesting programme and I encourage you to join those you might find helpful. Please do chat to me if you have any questions!

With my prayers.

Rev Ruth

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