



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



Saudi Arabia is the birthplace of Islam, and contains the cities considered most holy to the religion: Mecca and Medina. Sharia (Islamic law) is strictly enforced and leaving Islam is punishable by death. With very few exceptions, Christians are banned from publicly practising their religion. Only the Lord knows how many of Saudi Arabia's inhabitants are secret Christians. Pray that these believers will remain strong in their faith, and that our Lord and Saviour will watch over them, keeping them safe from harm.

This week we are praying for the residents of:

Alden Court / Red Court / Peony Court / Elizabeth Court

Readings for 16th February - Third Sunday before Lent

Jeremiah 17.5-10 / 1 Corinthians 15.12-20 / Luke 6.17-26

Diary Dates

Reflective Prayer Service

16th February at 7pm

Renew 121

17th February at 2pm

No Zoom Prayers

18th February

Toddler Group

20th February at 8.30am

Musicals come to St Matthew's

22nd February at 7pm

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Dear friends

The gospel reading for Sunday 16 February is Luke's version of Matthew's Sermon on the Mount – the Sermon on the Plain – which brings our minds to focus on the blessings we have. Last Sunday, I challenged you all to keep a note every evening of the blessings that were in your day so that we can work with them this Sunday and focus on all that is good in our lives.

We have been blessed at St Matthew's to have Ruth guiding us and steering the parish forward after a difficult time and those blessings are beginning to show with new faces joining us and new projects up and running.

And at times like these, when the economy is not doing well, when all we hear in the press is of problems both in this country and around the world, we need to recognise that we can still work for God's purpose, we can still pray for and improve the lives of those living amongst our community and we can take God's love to those who have yet to experience it.

May we all hold our blessings close to our hearts, that they inspire us in God's work and fill us with thankfulness. Amen.

Rev Linda Fox

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