



# 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



Churches in Burkina Faso have observed a month of prayer and fasting after an increase in Islamist violence and “barbaric” attacks on Christian communities. Between them, jihadists affiliated to Al Qaeda and Islamic State control nearly half of the territory in Burkina Faso. Join our brothers and sisters in crying out to the Lord for an end to the violence. Pray that the terrorists themselves will turn from their evil ways in repentance and faith.

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

Chichele Gardens / Chichester Road / Chiltern Close

## Readings for 2nd March - Second next before Lent

Exodus 34.29-end /  
2 Corinthians 3.12 - 4.2 /  
Luke 9.28-36 [37-43a]

## Diary Dates

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### Renew 121

3rd March at 2pm

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### Toddler Group

6th March at 8.30am

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### Ash Wednesday Services

5th March at 10am and 8pm

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### No 8.30am Service & Visiting Preacher

16th March - The Very Rev'd Dr Mark Oakley  
Dean of Southwark at 10am Service

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### Choral Evensong

16th March at 6pm

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This Sunday 2nd March is the last Sunday in Ordinary time before we enter the holy and preparatory season of Lent. Ash Wednesday is on 5th March this year and we have services including the imposition of ashes at 10am and 8pm. As you are able please do try and attend these services to prepare for this solemn season. As it says in the opening words of the Ash Wednesday service, *by carefully keeping these days, Christians take to heart the call to repentance and the assurance of forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel and so grow in faith and in devotion to our Lord.*

Please be assured, as ever, of my prayers.

Rev Ruth

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