

NEWS LETTER

of St. Mary Bromley

25th April 2024

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower.'

The focus of the reading from St John's gospel this week is fruitfulness, which in the Christian life takes many forms. We do not all bring forth fruit in the same way, so for some of us it might be prayer, for others social action and for yet others fundraising for a good cause, the possibilities are endless, think about ways to develop spiritually, or ways to bring others to hear the good news, all are kinds of fruitfulness.

John 15:1

Sunday Club



All children and parents are welcome to join us for the Sunday Club session on Sunday 28th April. We start in church at 10.30 a.m.

Evening Study Group – Tuesday 30th April, 8pm



Evening Study Group meets via Zoom at 8pm on Tuesday 30 April to discuss the readings for 5 May's service. All are welcome to join us, for further information and log in details please contact Peter Boyden.

APCM – in the church following a shortened morning service on Sunday 28th April

Please make a note of our Annual Parochial Church Council, it will be good to have your company.

Deanery Confirmation

Please pray for the people in our Deanery who are preparing for their confirmation on Sunday 19th May at St Mary's Hayes at 10.30am including Sheila Crimmin from St Mary's

Ascension Day – Thursday 9th May, 8pm



Ascension Day is listed for an evening Eucharist at 8pm, no one else other Alison Tyler and our organist have been listed to participate in this service. So volunteers to read x 2/3 and someone to lead Intercessions are really needed please let Alison know if you can help out on 07973 457226 -thank you.

Christian Aid Week – 12th – 18th May



The 12-18 May is Christian Aid Week, and as usual there will be opportunities for St Mary's congregation to donate to this worthwhile cause. The 2024 appeal is focussing on stories from Burundi, a land-locked country surrounded by Rwanda, Tanzania, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Many families there are working hard, with support from Christian Aid's partners, to transform their lives, and the story of one of them will appear in the May issue of the *Parish Magazine*. For further information please contact Peter Boyden.

THE PLANT SALE is coming – Saturday 18th May, 10am – 12.00



Organised by the Mothers' Union raising funds for the 'Away from it All' project. It is on May 18th 10.00 till 12.00 in the Buchan Hall and Outside, with refreshments in the Front Room. If you have started sowing seeds for your own gardens, please keep any extra 'not needed' plants for the sale. Also, anything suitable for a Raffle would be appreciated. Enquiries about the sale, contact Mary Fall mary@fallfamily.co.uk or 07801 271202.

Churchyard Gardening



It's that time of year again and we need a couple of working groups so can you offer to help and suggest possible dates to Clem or Maria or Alison and then we can plan to have one or two working groups? Many thanks from us all.

May Magazine

The latest edition of the parish magazine will be available in church and on the website this weekend.

Grace Café



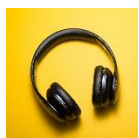
You are most welcome to join us between 10am to 12noon on Wednesdays. Please join the volunteers who host the Grace Cafe on Wednesdays. There is a sign up sheet in the church. In case you haven't done it before, you will be with someone who has, so please join them and try it out.

Refreshments Rota



Many thanks to all who willingly and regularly serve refreshments on a Sunday morning after the service.

Live Streaming



“Worship at St Mary’s is live streamed and can be watched via Facebook. This is much appreciated by those who cannot be at the services, and we would like to continue to offer this to our fellow members of our congregation. If you would like to help us with this, please contact Trine, Sally, Alison or Paddy.”

Prayer

A Prayer for the week

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen

Requests for Prayer

Weekly

Merle Jones
Pat Coomber
Family and friends of
Betty Thompson

Monthly Week 4

Toni Ruston
friend of Suzanne Spooner
Keith and Beryl Nye
Eileen White

Pray Daily for a New Vicar

Loving God,
we ask you to be present with the St Mary’s family
as we wait and pray for a new vicar.
You know those things that we need to encourage us in our faith; and you know too the person we need to teach us and lead us, before we can even form the thought to ask you.
Whilst we wait keep us patient, wise and united,
working together for the good of our community.
Build us up into a flourishing and inclusive part of Christ’s body of love and service, make us ready to welcome
and to work with the one you send.
We offer our prayer in the name of Jesus our friend and brother. **Amen.**

We thought possibly we could undertake to pray in our own homes or offices, either early in the morning or sometime between 5-6 so we did not have to struggle to meet together but would instead be together in heart and mind.



If you have a need for prayer for particular things, please contact the Pastoral Team via Anthia Page email anthiapage@gmail.com.

Worship, Prayer and Fellowship

Our service on Sundays are Live Streamed. See <https://www.facebook.com/stmarysbromley/>

At our 10.30am Family Communion – 28th April 2024 – 5th Sunday of Easter

Readings Acts 8:26-end; John 15:1-8

Hymns

73 Brother, sister let me serve you.
560 Will you come and follow me (omit v4)

The Order of Service: <https://www.stmarys-bromley.org.uk/lockdown/st-marys-worship>

*Please can contributions for the Newsletter now be given to Atlanta Topham by noon on Wednesdays
Atlanta's email is admin@stmarys-bromley.org.uk*