

NEWSLETTER of St. Mary Bromley 11 September 2025

""Zeal for your house will consume me" John 2:17

Jesus' love for God's house was passionate and wholehearted. He longed for the temple to be a place of prayer, reverence, and love. In this Creation Season, we remember that God's house is not only the church building but the whole world He has made. All creation is God's dwelling place, entrusted to our care. Dedication means offering ourselves back to God: our hearts, our daily work, our relationships, and our responsibilities. We are invited to rededicate our lives: showing care for creation, kindness in our classrooms, patience in our families, and joy in our church. In doing so, we make room for God's love to be seen and felt wherever we go.

Amen 🙏



Back to School Blessing

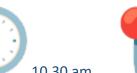
The **theme for this Sunday**, the second Sunday of Creation Season is *Dedication*.

Join us this Sunday, our first All-Age Communion Service after the Summer Holidays, as we pray for all our children, students, teachers, school staff, and **Sunday Club team** at the start of a new school year.











St Mary's Bromley

Bring your school bags/back packs, or school items for a special blessing! Please invite children, grandchildren, friends and families. All are welcome.



Evening Study Group

Evening Study Group is having a break from 9 September until Tuesday 14 October when we resume meetings by an in-depth study of Helen Paynter's 2019 book for Bible Reading Fellowship: God of violence yesterday, God of love today? Wrestling honestly with the Old Testament. For more information, please speak to Peter Boyden.

Confirmation Thank you

Thank you to all who came to support Molly and Sonny during their confirmation last week. It was an inspirational service!



THIS WEEKEND ...! Quiet day at St Mary's, Bromley



And ... Ride and Stride and London Open House Saturday 13 September.

Once again, St Mary's will be taking part in Ride & Stride an event organised by the Friends of Kent Churches, raising funds for essential maintenance projects.

This is their special 40th anniversary year and your support is welcome ...

RIDE+STRIDES

for Churches

Saturday, September 13, 2025

Firstly, you can sponsor 2 church members who plan to be visiting churches down in Kent this year. Secondly, are you able to do some church visiting and get sponsorship? The churches can be local in Bromley or Bexley or further afield in Kent. It's an interesting experience. St Mary's keeps half of all monies raised and in 2022 they awarded us a generous grant.

More details available from Chris Soper cmsoper10@gmail.com or speak to her in church. Full details are on www.kentrideandstride.co.uk.

St Mary's is listed be open on Saturday, 13th Sept. 10.00 am to 4.00 pm and Wednesday, 17th September 2025: 10 00am to 12.00 noon. Please contact John Beale, *johns.beale@yahoo.co.uk*, for more details and if you can offer to volunteer.

Creation Season: 01 September - 04 October

This year's theme is **Peace with Creation**. It's a time to consider more ways of becoming **an Eco Church**, improving our carbon footprint.



Our **next Creation Season craft workshop** is after school on the **1st October 3.30pm**-**5.00pm.** – there will be tea and refreshments! Please bring a parent or carer with you.

We need volunteers to help with supervision and refreshments. If you can help, please contact Alison Tyler alisonrtyler@gmail.com.

We also **need some more thin card** for the workshop and **12-24 cardboard centres from toilet rolls!** ... Please give to Alison or Nina.

Grace Café, Place of Welcome

Join us at Grace Café on Wednesday this week ... from 10:00 - 12:00.

The Pastoral Team

The Pastoral Team meet each Tuesday for prayer and support. Please see contacts below if you would like the team to think about you and your loved ones ...

Vicar Rev Eucharia: vicarstmarysbromley@gmail.com

Alison Tyler: alisonrtyler@gmail.com

Anthia Page: anthiapage@gmail.com



Cream Tea

Do join us for our **annual cream tea** event held in the church and porch **on the afternoon of Saturday 27**th **September starting at 2.30 pm** and running until 5 pm.

To assist with numbers for catering purposes, please sign-up using the sheet at the back of church or contact Anne Yolland. Donations are invited for the church repair fund.

Sunday morning refreshments – volunteers needed!

The **Sunday morning hospitality team** will continue to serve refreshments after the service. **Volunteers needed**. Please **let Anne Yolland (anne.yolland@outlook.com) know** if you feel called to help out in this ministry

Children's Society Representative for St Mary's We need a Children's Society

Representative, to help the Mother's Union in organising Christingle event. If you feel called to this vocation, please contact Mary Fall for more details.





Parish Magazine

If you would like to **buy a copy of the September issue of the Parish magazine.** ... you will find them on **the table at the back of the church.**

The **next Parish Magazine writing deadline** for writing next issue is **19th September** please send **to Alison Tyler** who guest editor for the next edition <u>alisonrtyler@gmail.com</u>

Dedication and Thanksgiving Service, Saturday, 4th October 2025, at 4.00 pm.

Unique Igbo Melodies Choir will be having their Dedication and thanksgiving service on Saturday, 4th October 2025 at the church. Celebration continues straight after the service at the church hall. All are welcome but registration is needed for catering purposes. Please let Rev Eucharia know if you would like to attend either the service or the celebration or both.



St Francis' Day

In commemoration of **St Francis' Day, on 04 October, the SE London Third Order Franciscans** are meeting at **St. Mary's Church from 10:30 – 15:30** to celebrate his life and work. **All are invited** to join the celebrations, ending with a Eucharist. If you would like to come ... just arrive with a packed lunch! Tea, coffee, and soft drinks, will be provided throughout the day.



Worship, Prayer and Fellowship Prayer

Almighty God,

you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



Requests for Prayer

Weekly	Monthly Week 2
John C, Olive, Richard (Barbara's cousin), Andrew, Patricia,	Shelagh F
Stuart (Sylvia's family member), Pam, Pat, Chris S, The	
Harney family, Luci, Alison F (Sarah B's friend), Kay (Merle's	
sister) Family and friends of Stephen D.	

At our 10.30am – All Age Family Communion, Sunday 14 September 13th Sunday after Trinity

Readings	Hymns
Ephesians 2.19-22	133 -Firmly I believe and truly
John 2.13-22	4 – A new commandment (v1&2 and the chorus only)
	21 All things bright and beautiful
	164 -Go forth and tell

If you would like something to be included in the St Mary's Newsletter, please send your requests to **Newsletter.StMarys@outlook.com.** I look forward to hearing from you!

And ... if you would like to receive the Newsletter each week, please complete the request form found on the table at the back of the church.

