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Welcome to the May 2026 edition of the Parish Magazine

This is my *third* attempt to edit the magazine, again with much technical help from my husband Paddy. We hope for the best – you know, third time lucky. If you think the magazine looks just a little different this time around, then you'd be right!

The software that St. Mary's has traditionally used to produce the magazine – Microsoft Publisher – is being phased out, and from now on users are expected to use Microsoft Word, or something else, instead. This is our first stab at doing so, and in the long run it should probably be simpler for all concerned.

We've tried to keep the style and appearance as close as possible to what you've been used to, but the transition process is a bit tricky, so it may take a few months before things settle down to a regular style again. Keep the faith!

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What God is like

A Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question, “Boys and girls, what do we know about God?”

A hand went up. “He is an artist!” said the little boy.

“Really? How do you know?” the teacher asked.

“You know – Our Father, who does art in Heaven... “

Vicar's Letter – May 2026



Dear Friends,

Grace and peace to you all.

Welcome to the month of May. I write with a deep sense of gratitude for each one of you. Thank you for your faithful service and quiet devotion to the life of our church. Whether in leading, serving, praying, or simply being present, you help to shape a community that reflects Christ's love in gentle and powerful ways. It is a true blessing to journey in faith together.

April has been a rich and grace-filled month. Our Easter celebrations were especially moving, as we walked together from the solemnity of Holy Week into the joy and hope of the Resurrection. In those sacred moments, we were reminded anew that light overcomes darkness, and life triumphs over death. Alongside this, our Quiz Night brought laughter, fellowship, and a shared purpose, raising funds to support the ongoing care of our church building. Thank you for the generosity, energy, and goodwill that made these gatherings so meaningful. May God continue to bless and sustain you in all that you give.

We also rejoice in the gift of new life among us, as we welcome baby George and baby Isaac into our church family. These precious children are signs of hope and promise, and we give thanks to God for them. We hold them and their families in our prayers, asking that they may grow in faith, love, and wisdom, and that their homes may be filled with joy, patience, and God's abiding presence.

May is a season of both joy and expectancy in the life of the Church. We continue to celebrate the risen Christ, while looking ahead to Ascension Day and Pentecost: moments that remind us that Christ is both with us and reigns in glory, and that the Holy Spirit is given to guide, strengthen, and renew us. It is a time to remain open to God's leading, trusting that He is at work in ways both seen and unseen.

In the weeks ahead, we have important opportunities to share in the life and mission of our parish. Our partnership with the Community Payback initiative is one such example. Through this work, individuals are given the chance to make a positive contribution to the community, often through practical tasks that care for and restore shared spaces. It is a quiet but meaningful

expression of restoration, dignity, and hope, and we are glad to play our part in it.

We will also gather for our Church Vision Day, a time set aside to listen to God and to one another as we reflect on where we are being led. This will be followed by our APCM, an opportunity to give thanks, to reflect honestly, and to look forward with faith. I warmly encourage you to take part in these moments of shared life and discernment.

Towards the end of the month, we will join with other local churches for the Pentecost service, celebrating the gift of the Spirit and the unity we share as the wider body of Christ.

As always, we remember in prayer those who are unwell, anxious, or burdened in any way. May they know God's healing presence, His comfort in times of need, and His peace that passes all understanding.

As we step into May, may we do so with open hearts, ready to receive God's grace and to share it with others. May the Lord walk with us in the days ahead, guiding our steps, renewing our strength, and filling us with His joy, peace, love and hope.

With every blessing,

Rev Eucharis

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Living Resurrection Life



One of Jesus' greatest promises is that He came to give us abundant life (*John 10:10*). When we consider His teachings as a whole, we realise that abundant life is Spirit-filled resurrection life. I am not sure that I am very practiced at living abundantly, my thinking and my hopes and my expectations are all too narrow or too limited, but.....Christ is risen and nothing will remain untouched.

So what does abundant, Spirit-filled, resurrection life look like, and how do we recognise it and maintain it?

I was in Coventry Cathedral recently and was bowled over by their welcome and the notice at the door welcoming all. You can find it on their website, but I am sharing it with you here because it tells us so much about resurrection life:

Welcome to Coventry Cathedral

"We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, widowed, straight ,gay, questioning, well-heeled or down at heel. We especially welcome wailing babies and excited toddlers.

We welcome you whether you can sing like an opera singer or just growl quietly to yourself. You're welcome here if you're just browsing, just woken up or just got out of prison. We don't care if you're more Christian than the Archbishop of Canterbury or haven't been to church since Christmas 10 years ago.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome keep-fit mums, football dads, starving artists, tree huggers, latte sippers, vegetarians, junk food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems, are down in the dumps or don't like organised religion. We're not that keen on it either.

We offer welcome to those who think the Earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or are here because Granny is visiting and wanted to come to the cathedral. We welcome those who are inked, pierced, both or neither. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down their throats as kids or got lost on the Ring Road and wound up here by mistake.

We welcome pilgrims, tourists, seekers, doubters - and you."

So what do we learn from this glorious welcome?

Most importantly, we see that there are no limits on God's welcome, all are loved, welcome, invited in to share in community, and so into Resurrection life. It chimes in with Romans 8:38

“For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord”.

We learn that there really are no limits on God's love and generosity, nor on the welcoming, abundant life to be found in Christ. This kind of living and openness is difficult, often costly and risky so in fact it can only be based on the words and teachings of Jesus, on the action of the Holy Spirit - and so by definition it must be spirit filled.

We learn from Jesus' words in Scripture that the way to pass from death to life is through believing in his words (*John 5:24*). Believing in his words is not only the beginning of living resurrection life ourselves, but it is the continual action of all Christian believers, that is all those of us who are baptised and so raised to life with Jesus. We get our support from a combination of our study of Jesus' words in the scripture, our faith and prayers, the presence and power of the Holy Spirit and from our community life together as a Christian 'family', as when we are baptised, all Christian people become our sisters and our brothers.

How do we recognise Resurrection living?

We see resurrection life in all those who live life following Jesus' example and living lives of love and joyful service to others. We know and recognise such people when we meet them.

They are the peacemakers and reconcilers, those who offer hospitality and those who pay attention to the needs of others. They are those who show the gifts and the fruits of the Spirit in their everyday abundant lives “the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,.....”.

There is an unmistakable mutuality and healing quality about those living abundant lives, especially in respect of forgiving one another, as we ourselves are forgiven. Briefly, this is what we are all called to do with profligate generosity, as God loves us - so we are called to love one another. As we learn

in the Lord's Prayer "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us".

Resurrection life is for all of us a lifelong encounter with the living Christ, an overflowing of the power of the Holy Spirit into changing and transforming our lives, it is living in faith and hope, through good times and dark times, growing in grace and being led by the Spirit trusting in God's promises. It will undoubtedly include times of struggle and doubt, making mistakes and starting again, but we are an Easter people and Alleluia really is our song.

As we prepare to celebrate again the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost may our prayer be for a fresh experience of the Spirit's transforming power. "Spirit of the living God fall afresh on us that our lives may be renewed, restored and transformed in the light of Christ's Resurrection".

Alison Tyler

The Yollands on French Television News

Oh là là is how you may respond to the above title. How could this happen?

Let me explain... a few weeks ago we went to an Agatha Christie Spring Festival weekend in Torquay. On the Sunday morning a group of fans, some dressed in period costume including Anne (Miss Marple) and myself (Chief



Inspector Craddock), assembled by the clock tower near to the bronze bench situated at Torquay harbourside. We then promenaded along the seafront to the Princess Pier, where a photograph exists of a teenage Agatha on roller skates with her friends. Fortunately, the earlier heavy shower of rain had stopped by this time.

We were aware of two TV journalists from a French news television company recording pieces as part of a future news story on Agatha Christie. On the way, the walk takes you past a statue of Agatha Christie, and the gardens that she would have walked along as a teenager up to the pier. After reaching the pier we were approached by the news team from France TV Londres and asked if we were happy to be interviewed about being on the walk. We both agreed, although Anne, like

other ladies, was experiencing hat issues with the blustery sea air and not having a restraining hat pin in place!

They said their recordings would be part of a piece on Agatha Christie that they would use when they needed to fill time on a quiet news day. About five days later they emailed their final piece to me. Much to our surprise Anne and I, who were interviewed on the walk, are the only ones that were included from the immediate group, although the whole clip includes some others in vintage costumes, James Pritchard, Agatha's Great Grandson, and the actress and producer from *The Mousetrap*.

The clip is available to watch on YouTube by searching Agatha Christie: 'Crime is always a good thing'. In this case you could say it was!

Peter Yolland

A Poem – The Time to Remember

Time flies
vapours trail
the heat of the moment
has passed – for now.

A white cross of Christ
is briefly seen
in the heavenly blue sky
and grief gives way
to glorious rejoicing.

Nature's natural
timekeeper,
of ancient origin,
goes through its phases
and turns the tide
for the time to remember.

In the midst of the
mists of time
as seasons come
and go,
clocks go forward
then return
to marked time.

Moveable Feasts and
Christian praise and worship,
timed by nature,
are united in difference
in the measurement
of time.

Barbara Buckingham

Word Search

The wordsearch for May 2026 has a Middle Eastern theme

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Pray
Damage

Bows
Shatter
Spears
Burn
Shields

Lord
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Rock
Fortress
Deliverer

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crisis
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Lives
millions

Hope
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mercy

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News of New Members

Joyful Easter Sunday baptism

Our Easter celebration was transformed by the baptism of Amelie Musson who came with her parents Ben and Claire, not only for her baptism but also to join all of us as we renewed our own baptismal promises, all gathered up in the joy of the Risen Lord Jesus.



Thank you for transforming our day, you made our Easter joy complete. It was wonderful to welcome Amelie and her friends and family to St Mary's and into the fellowship of the Church family.



Welcome to George and Isaac

“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights.” (James 1:17)



With great joy we welcome two precious new members into our church family: baby George born on the 15th April and baby Isaac on the 17th. Their arrivals are wonderful blessing, not only to their families but to us all, and we give thanks to God for the gift of their lives.



In these early days, filled with wonder and change, we hold both families in our prayers. May they know God's peace in the quiet hours, His strength in the challenges, and His joy in each new milestone. May their homes be places of love, patience, and deep gladness.

We pray for George and Isaac, that they may grow in health and strength, in wisdom and grace. May they come, in time, to know the love of God that

surrounds them, and may they always find a place of belonging within this church community.

As we welcome them, may we each renew our calling as members of the church family to support, encourage, and walk alongside one another in love.

With our prayers and warmest congratulations to Molly and Sonny, John and Flavia.

Who's been good?

A father of five young children won a toy at a raffle. Back home, he called his children together to let them determine which one should have the present.

“Who is the most obedient?” he asked. “Who never talks back to Mother? Who does everything she says?”

Five small voices answered in unison: “You, Daddy!”



World Day of Prayer

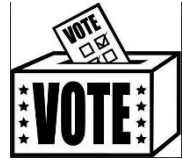
This year's World Day of Prayer service at Christ Church, Bromley on 6th March was attended by 60 people. It was well supported by people from St Mary's. The service was prepared by Christian women from Nigeria on the theme 'I will give you rest, come'. Eucharistia very kindly lent some items for the table display including the dress she wore at her mother's funeral. Garments are made from the same design of cloth.

The theme of next year's service on 5th March is 'United in Prayer for Justice and Peace', prepared by the WDP International Committee.

Frances Boyden

Voting Matters

I was brought up to believe in democracy. I don't really remember my parents going to vote, but I am sure they did - &, like many, we displayed the appropriate poster in our window to encourage others. Our Bromley MP – Harold Macmillan - was also the Prime Minister – I never appreciated how unusual that was. Having a summer birthday, I didn't have a chance to vote before I went away to college, but I remember having a postal vote for the four years I was away, & comparing notes on the “propaganda” we received through the post with friends from other places – “my one says he's climbed Mount Everest!”. We didn't watch much TV (which required a trip to the Common room), didn't buy newspapers, & never saw a computer, so presumably most of our, rather limited, knowledge of current affairs came from our transistor radios.



A very long time ago now, I was on the PCC when it was agreed to scrap the pipe organ (which needed expensive repairs) & buy an electronic one, a decision with which I didn't agree, & one which was, after more discussions & sourcing a better quote for the repairs, overturned. However, it led me to appreciate that just because a decision has been made by a majority, it doesn't mean everyone then agrees with it. Around the same time, the decision was made to allow the ordination of women, which met with my total approval, but I have always had some sympathy for those who found that decision hard to accept. Since then, there have been many other democratic decisions – in the world of politics & otherwise – that I wouldn't have made myself.

My grandmothers were both 30 the year women first got the vote, & I have always felt it my duty to vote, even when I am unclear what my vote should be. Do I always understand the issues? And how about those whose intellectual capacity is limited, or has declined with age? And should under 18s have a say? We have local elections coming up again in May, and as well as candidates as from the traditional parties, there are others representing different ideals. I have met two candidates who have left their parties (one Conservative, one Labour) during their time as local councillor & who now

wish to continue their work as an independent. And should I be worried about voting tactically – to keep out the people I don't want as much as to keep / let in the people I like?

I am the sort of person who ends up on committees and who attends AGMs. Not always the most exciting of occasions, but really important. I remember discussing finer points of the P.T.A. constitution not that long before the school announced its merger with another, and suddenly that constitution became crucial. I must have attended more church APCMs than years in my life, and most have been unexceptional. But they matter. It is the opportunity for everyone to find out what has been going on, to have their say, and to be part of decisions which could turn out to be really important.

This year, St Mary's APCM is after church on Sunday 17th May. I hope to see you there!

Jill Atkinson

Paul Tomlin

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Easter Flowers and Refreshments

Easter Flowers

The church looked wonderfully decorated for Easter with bursts of yellow daffodils, rainbow tulips and other spring twigs and flowers. The team

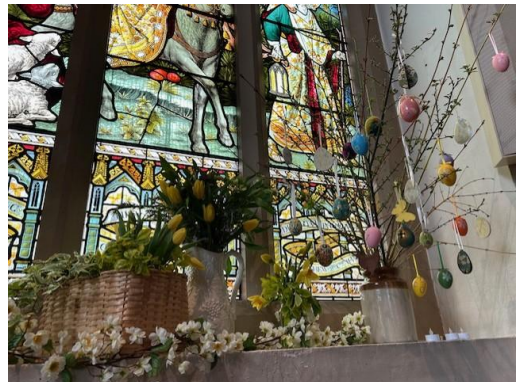


worked very hard on Easter Eve to get all the window sills decorated along with two pedestals, a font arrangement and daffodils across the chancel wall.



Out of all the arrangements, only the two large pedestals used floral foam.

Tea, coffee and cakes were also enjoyed during the morning's activities for flower arrangers and those helping with the Easter Garden and sprucing up the church for Easter. Grateful thanks also to those who generously donated towards the cost of the flowers, this is much appreciated, as the cost of fresh flowers continues to rise.



Easter Refreshments

On Maundy Thursday there were hot drinks and biscuits before the 8 pm service.

On Good Friday buttered Hot Cross Buns were served with cups of tea after the 'Foot of the Cross' service.



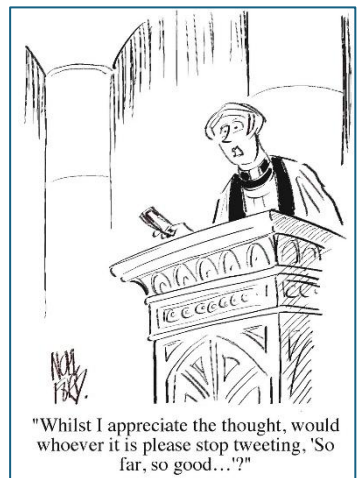
On Easter Day refreshments after the service included a delicious selection of cakes: simnel cakes, Easter cupcakes, chocolate Easter egg nest cake, Victoria sponge and savoury pastries were on offer, together with a glass of prosecco to mark this special occasion.

A big thank you to those who provided refreshments and to the serving teams during this 4 day period.

Breakfast Café

Our new Breakfast Café is on Sunday 10th May following the 8.30 am Book of Common Prayer Communion service. A light breakfast will be served with croissants, brioche, yoghurt, fresh fruit, fruit juice and hot drinks. The Family Service starts at 10.30 am. All welcome.

Anne Yolland



Mothers Union Matters

Mothers Union Meetings in May and June



May

Wednesday 6th

Grace Café from 10am

Thursday 21st

Knit and Knatter in the Front Room of Church House from 10am, open to all

Saturday 23rd

Plant Sale from 10am. We would be grateful for any offers of help or supplying plants.

Please speak to Mary Fall

June

Wednesday 3rd

Grace Café from 10am

Thursday 11th

Outing for a Cream Tea, more details to follow

Thursday 18th

Knit and Knatter in the Front Room of Church House from 10am, open to all

Tuesday 23rd

This being the 150th Anniversary of the Mothers' Union we have been invited to a

Garden Party in the Bishop's Court.

We are awaiting further details and timings.

Late for Church

A little girl, dressed in her Sunday best, was running as fast as she could to get to church. As she ran, she prayed, *"Dear Lord, please don't let me be late! Dear Lord, please don't let me be late!"*

While she was running and praying, she tripped on a curb and fell, getting her dress dirty. She got up, brushed herself off, and started running again. As she ran she once again began praying under her breath: *"Dear Lord, please don't let me be late...But please don't shove me again, either!"*

St James the Least –

On dealing with Summer Fetes

The Rectory
St James the Least of All



My dear Nephew Darren

So, you are beginning to plan your first Summer Fete in your new parish. That you appear to be looking forward to it shows how little you know about them.

Parishes hold Summer Fetes so that their clergy can preach more meaningfully on purgatory. Their ostensible purpose is to raise money for the church - which is wholly illogical. The parish could double the money raised if the Fete were dropped, none of the endless preparations made, if everyone spent a pleasant afternoon in their own gardens and each person simply donated £20 to the church instead. But we still feel obliged to go to endless trouble, making ourselves miserable so we can show each other what a good time we are having. That it generally pours seems to make the entire event even more grimly satisfying.

No, the real reasons for a Summer Fete are twofold. First, it gives the entire parish the chance to inspect the Rector's garden. Whatever state it is in, it will cause disapproval. If it is poorly kept, then I am clearly being ungrateful for having three acres of lawn to enjoy. Mowing it each week should be one of my delights; what else would I do with a whole day off each week anyway? The hand mower, kindly given by Colonel French is assumed to be quite adequate - and rumour has it that I need to lose weight anyway. The mower was presented to me when the Colonel bought his own gardener a sit-on motor mower - which is of a size and opulence that makes me assume it has a drinks cabinet and satellite navigation.

The second reason for a Fete comes as a special perk for the organisers. It gives them a chance to inspect the inside of the Rectory. Under the pretence of looking for a little more sugar, they can systematically inspect all the kitchen cupboards and comment on their contents. By the end of the day, the whole parish will know what marmalade I spread on my toast, that I use unnecessarily expensive washing powder, and where I have unsuccessfully tried to hide the gin.

The details of what then happens while the Fete is in progress must wait until my next letter, when we will have had our own. It is now time for Evensong, drinks with Major Mallet and his wife, and then a quiet evening with a good book, while I toy with other possible hiding places for the gin this year.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

Quiz Night

A big Thank You to everyone who helped to run our Quiz Night on Saturday 25th April, along with those who competed and others who were unable to come but still donated prizes or money! It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening, despite some quite tricky questions!

Congratulations go to the winning Team 13, who clinched victory with the closest correct answer to

'How many muscles are there in each ear of a cat?'.*

Special thanks to Linda King for being a great quiz master for us and donating her time to help us raise a fabulous £870 towards church repairs!!



* The right answer is 32, apparently.

An Adventure in Beer-Making



Once upon a time I decided to make beer from the raw ingredients. It was perfectly lawful, I had made beer from kits in England, so I thought that I would have a go.

The ingredients are basically:

Water,
Barley,
Yeast and
Hops.

Sugar is an illegal extra.

Getting the ingredients was the first challenge.

Water was no problem. Perfectly good water came out of the taps and we were not to going to quibble about how hard or otherwise it was.

Seed barley in the shops mostly came having been dipped in anti-pest stuff, often containing mercury, so that was not an option. Luckily, we were given some by a student working in the agricultural department of the government.

Hops too were supplied by the friend in the Department of Agriculture.

Yeast was more challenging. Dried yeast was not a normal ingredient for home baking, but there was a bread shop who make their own down the road. They must have yeast, so I went there. I had not been able to look up the word for yeast, but eventually, having exhausted all their types of bread and establishing that I, allegedly, wanted to make my own, they discovered that what I really wanted was yeast and brought out a half pound block and cut off a slice for me. Very kindly, they decided that I had provided the entertainment for the day, so it was free.

Now I had to start making the beer. The first step is to get the barley sprouting until the little shoots are three quarters of the length of the grain. We wetted the barley and, more in hope than expectation, left it to get on with it. Nothing happened. An Indian colleague suggested that her mother would wrap seeds up in her scarf and then dampen them to get them germinating. We tried it, and that worked.

Next step was to malt the beer. This is a process which turns the starch in the seed into sugar, which can then be fermented into alcohol. In order for this to happen, the grains must be dried completely and then roasted. Once dry, there are enzymes in the barley which will change the starch into sugar, which can be fermented and which also give the distinctive malty smell. If they are not dry, the enzymes do not work and the starch stays as starch.

We bought a manual coffee roaster looking like a small metal barrel on legs, and started to roast the barley on the kitchen hob. The barley grains partly burned and partly turned a lovely golden brown, so we hoped for the best.

Next step was to very gently stew the grains in just-boiling water for hours. Too hot and you lose the goodness and it is ruined. I knew what malt should smell like, from having travelled up past the Sarsons Malt Vinegar factory on the way to London Bridge in the mornings. They would malt barley regularly to give the basis for their malt vinegar. Unfortunately, we got no malty smell from our stewed barley. We had been impatient and not let the barley dry out properly, so all we got was a vat of barley porridge. ☹️ ...Start again!

We did start again, this time spreading the sprouted barley thinly on the balcony and turning it diligently until it was bone dry. This time it worked. We got the malty smell and allowed it to simmer overnight.

Next Step. We only had the one large vessel, so we just added the yeast to the lukewarm liquid and covered it with a cloth. We had measured the specific gravity of the liquid and reckoned that it would need a bit of help, so a bit of sugar was added and then the yeast. A bit of rather suspicious "yeast food" was also added. I have no idea what was in this food, but it worked. The mixture frothed up nicely and, again we left it to get on with it.

In the end, the yeast exhausted itself and we were left with a clear liquid to siphon off into the small bottles that we had obtained. Somehow, we got the crown caps and a capper to cap the lot and we left it for a while to get fizzy.

In fact we left it for a few months, as the first bottles had been OK but nothing special, and we then forgot about them. After a while, we came across the bottles and decided to have another go at them. Success. A pleasant, lager-like beer which we drank with pleasure.

I have to admit that I have never tried again, but I am glad that I did give it a go that once.

Trine Hevezi



St Mary's Church Bromley

VISION DAY

Led by Father Jeremy

Saturday 16th May 2026

9.00 am - 12.30 pm in church



Discussion

Shared
Visioning

Prayer

*Where is God
calling us?
How can we serve
our community in
the year ahead?
Your presence &
voice are
important.*

Tea, Coffee & Biscuits available

61 College Road, Bromley, BR1 3QG

Everyone welcome

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Worship Diary

We offer a variety of services through the year. They are mostly on a Sunday at 10.30am and are mostly Family Communion. Most months we also have an All Age Family Service. We hope you will find us a warm and friendly congregation. If you have questions about what we do, why we do it or how you might like to be more involved, please do speak with a Church Warden, a sidesman... or anyone really!

Our Sunday Club is a valued provision for our youngest members. They do not meet during school holidays.

Our services are often livestreamed and can be viewed on our Facebook page.

Worship Services in May and June 2026

Sunday 3 rd May	Easter 5	10.30am Family Communion
Sunday 10 th May	Easter 6	8.30am BCP Communion 10.30am Family Service
Thursday 14 th May	Ascension Day	8.00pm Holy Communion
Sunday 17 th May	Easter 7 Sunday after Ascension	10.30am Family Communion
Sunday 24 th May	Pentecost	10.30am Family Communion 6.00pm CTCB joint Pentecost service at Bromley Town Church
Sunday 31 st May	Trinity Sunday	10.30am Family Communion with Baptism
Sunday 7 th June	Trinity 1	10.30am Family Communion
Sunday 14 th June	Trinity 2	8.30am BCP Communion 10.30am Family Service
Sunday 21 st June	Trinity 3 Father's Day	10.30am Family Communion
Sunday 28 th June	Trinity 4	10.30am Family Communion

Other Events at St. Mary's

Saturday 16 May	Vision Day event	See details opposite
Sunday 17 th May	Annual Parochial Church Meeting	Following the Sunday morning service
Saturday 23 rd May	10.00am Mothers Union Plant Sale	In the Buchan Hall, Church House. Refreshments available

Wordsearch solution



Let's hope that,
with the latest works on the church roof,
we will have seen the last of these
in St. Mary's for a while!



And finally...

... a few light-hearted snippets gleaned from the Parish Pump website.

Short-staffed

Two men were working for the town council. One would dig a hole and the other would follow behind him and fill the hole in. They worked up one side of the street, then down the other, then moved on to the next street, working furiously all day without rest, one man digging a hole, the other filling it in again.

An onlooker was amazed at their hard work, but couldn't understand what they were doing. So he finally approached the hole digger, "I'm impressed by the effort you two are putting in to your work, but I don't get it – why do you dig a hole, only to have your partner follow behind and fill it up again?"

The hole digger wiped his brow and sighed, "Well, I suppose it probably looks odd because we're normally a three-person team. But today the guy who plants the trees called in sick."

Breakable

There was a very gracious lady who was posting an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. "Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk.

"Only the Ten Commandments," answered the lady.

Quotes from children

In the first book of the Bible, Guinesses, God got tired of creating the world, so He took the Sabbath off.

Moses led the Jews to the Red Sea where they made unleavened bread which is bread without any ingredients.

Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.

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