

# NEWS LETTER

1 November 2023

## of St. Mary Bromley

*Jesus answered them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray.*

*For many will come in my name, saying, "I am the Messiah!" and they will lead many astray.'*

*Matthew 24.4,5*



People will want our attention. They will beckon us to follow them. There is a type of person called a demagogue. It means a leader of the people, but not in a good way. Rabble rouser might be more accurate. Jesus uses a religious term of his time that of messiah to warn us to be on our watch.

The Sundays before us are called the Kingdom Season. It is to lay before us the sort of society God wants and to be wary of persuasive voices that will lead us astray.

### Sunday Clubs



All children and parents are welcome to join us for the Sunday Clubs session on Sunday 5 November. We start in church at 10.30 a.m.

### Poppies



There are knitted poppies at the back of church. These have been knitted by members of the Mothers' Union. A suggested donation of £2 will go to the Royal British Legion.

### Children's Society Christmas Cards



On the next two Sundays Georgia Collins our local Children's society rep will be with us. She will have a range of attractive cards for sale to support a society that is dear to St. Mary's church. Payment by cash or cheque.

### Table Top Sale – 2pm to 4pm Saturday 4th November



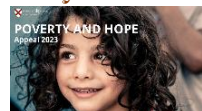
**Please bring cash so we can give change to people who have only brought notes.**

A plea for help:

- 1) to get tables in place at 12pm
- 2) Offers of donations of cakes to sell in the refreshment area
- 3) Lots of people to come and buy the bargains available.

Please invite all your friends

### Poverty and Hope Appeal



In October we were invited to contribute to this year's Poverty and Hope Appeal, and to date we have collected in very nearly £250. If anyone else is about to make a donation, please would you put it in one of the envelopes at the back of church as soon as possible,

before the gift aid declarations are sent on and the money transferred. Thank you. Jill Atkinson.

### Mothers' Union



Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 9th November, at 10.00am in the Front Room of Church House. Our speaker, Beverley Nicklin from Bromley Trading Standards will be talking to us about Scams and Rogue Traders. All very welcome.

## Murals Fundraising Update – Good news continues.

A further £94 +gift aid has been raised for the Mural Fund from donations for books outside 104, Avondale Road. Members of the congregation continue to donate generously. We hope to raise as much as possible before the end of December to benefit from a match funding offer.

Contact Alan Keeler or John Beale if you want to know more.

## The Meaningful Advent Calendars



These will be available to order again this year. Please sign the form at the back of church or contact Anne Yolland on [anne.yolland@outlook.com](mailto:anne.yolland@outlook.com) Each calendar comes with a free Christmas Story book. Cost: £4.50. These advent calendars are not available in supermarkets. Please place an order by the 19th November.



Careplus aims to provide free local volunteer support for older people locally. Their needs are met for befriending, social support and practical assistance. This is undertaken by volunteers who give support in the form of befriending, shopping and transport. Please consider helping Careplus. It will also be wonderful if there could be a representative of St. Mary's Church to be on the organising committee which meets three times a year. Please speak with Alan Keeler if you would like to know more. Or visit <http://www.careplusbromley.org.uk>

## Refreshments Rota



Many thanks to all who willingly and regularly serve refreshments on a Sunday morning after the service. If you would like to volunteer to help, please have a word with Anne Yolland.

## Grace Café



We meet in the church building on Wednesdays between 10am to 12noon for coffee, cake and fellowship. You will be most welcome to join the volunteers who host the Grace Cafe. There is a sign up sheet in the church if you would like to help.

## Jigsaw Sale – 10.00am to noon on Saturday 18th November, in the church porch



With refreshments in the back of church and paperback books outside of the porch All proceeds to the mural fund. Mary already has many jigsaws; more will be welcomed.

Thanks for your interest. Mary Fall (020 8464 1239) [mary@fallfamily.co.uk](mailto:mary@fallfamily.co.uk)

## Prayer

We have heard from Geoff Lloyd, a past curate of St. Mary's whom we have been praying for. He says he is in a good place at the moment with no significant change in his cancer. He says he is much encouraged.

### A Prayer for the week

God of glory,  
touch our lips with the fire of your Spirit,  
that we with all creation  
may rejoice to sing your praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Requests for prayer

#### Weekly

Daisy Batt  
Friend of Alison Tyler  
David Collins  
Eileen White's brother

#### Monthly Week 1

Roger and Grace Charsley  
Sarah Evans' parents  
John Cox  
Denis Dodds

## Worship, Prayer and Fellowship



Looking ahead there will be Candlelit Compline in Advent on Saturdays 2, 9, 16, 23 December at 6pm

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

At our 10.30am Family Communion on 5th November:

Reading	Micah 3.5-12, 1 Thessalonians 2.9-13, Matthew 24.1-14
Hymns	158      Glorious things of thee are spoken (Austria)
	473      The church's one foundation
	222      I am the bread of life
	378      O Lord all the world belongs to you

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

Please can contributions for the Newsletter be given to Alan Keeler by noon on Wednesdays.