

NEWS LETTER

of St. Mary Bromley

11 October 2023

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son.'

Matthew 22.1,2



I wonder if you often get to discuss the meaning of life? It sounds rather complex and demanding. Jesus said the meaning of life is like a wedding banquet. Now he might have many other things in mind as well. But a banquet sounds like it is going to be enjoyable and really to look forward to. And I don't think it is to be a rare event. Perhaps we should look for something of this each day. There may be disappointments and challenges but there is a place of celebration to be found too.

Sunday Clubs



All children and parents are welcome to join us for the Sunday Clubs session on Sunday 15th October.

We start in church at 10.30 a.m.

Poverty and Hope Appeal



In October we invite our congregation to contribute to the Diocesan Poverty and Hope Appeal. There are collecting envelopes available. There is a summary in the October Magazine and more full details on the Diocesan website.

<https://www.rochester.anglican.org/everyday-faith/ourfaithinaction/poverty-and-hope-appeal/>

All Souls' Service



This will be held on Sunday 29th October at 3.30 p.m. It is a service where we remember those whom we have loved but are now sadly separated from by death. If you would like to make a specific act of remembrance please bring a card with the name of the person on. There is also a sheet to add names to in the church. To know more please speak with Alan Keeler or Anthia Page.

Free Books



There is a small book case in the church building with a wide variety of items of Christian interest. Please have a look and take what catches your fancy. If you would like some guidance Alan will be happy to make suggestions. The book case will be there until the end of October

Murals Fundraising Update – Good news continues.

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 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.

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.

The plays of Agatha Christie – 10.00am Thursday 12th October



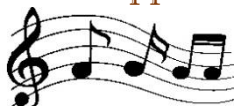
The Mothers' Union have organised a talk on 'The plays of Agatha Christie' to be held in the Front Room of Church House. They are delighted that Peter Yolland, a well established member of Bromley Little Theatre, will be giving this talk. Anyone is welcome to come to this meeting.

Nature's Palette Flower show – Saturday 28th October, 1.30pm - 4.30pm



Bromley Flower Club are holding their annual show in the United Reformed Church, Widmore Road, Bromley. In addition to the beautiful exhibits, there will be various stalls, a raffle, bottle stall and more. The Tea room will be open from 2 pm. Admission £2.00. All welcome.

Concert supporting Alzheimer's Society – 7.30pm Saturday 14th October



This will be held in St Mary's Church by Bromley Symphony Players (leader Bernard Brook) Concert includes music by Boyce, Haydn, Mozart and Grieg. Admission £8, with interval refreshments.

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



HELP needed please eg:

- 1) kind people to make a cake to be on sale in the refreshment area
- 2) offers of help to Anne Yolland with serving or washing up.
- 3) Also needed are some extra hands to set up tables and put them away at the end.
- 4) Someone to act as doorman and direct vendors to their allocated table.
- 5) There will be a wide variety of items on sale, please come and support our fundraising contact Carole of any offers 07950 102584

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

Prayer

A Prayer for the week

Faithful Lord,
whose steadfast love never ceases
and whose mercies never come to an end:
grant us the grace to trust you
and to receive the gifts of your love,
new every morning,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Requests for prayer

Weekly

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

Monthly Week 2

John Edmonds
Shelagh Frankham
Richard Handforth
Peter Henwood

Worship, Prayer and Fellowship

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

At our 10.30am Family Communion on 15th October:

Reading	Isaiah 25.1-9, Philippians 4.1-9, Matthew 22.1-14
Hymns	212 Holy, holy, holy Lord God almighty
	553 When we walk with the Lord
	406 One shall tell another
	169 God is love: his the care

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.