

NEWS LETTER

of St. Mary Bromley

11th April 2024

'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?'

Luke 24:38

Jesus appearing to the disciples after he is Risen is not as reassuring as you might hope. After the dreadful events of Holy week, it takes time for the good news of Resurrection and new life to sink in and feel real. Ultimately it will when the Spirit comes at Pentecost that their confidence is fully restored, and their mission can really begin.

Sunday Club



There is no Sunday Club as there is a baptism and child-friendly Communion service.

The service will be live streamed for long-distance relatives. Every effort will be made to avoid showing footage of children.

Evening Study Group – Tuesday 16th April, 8pm



Evening Study Group meetings recommence on Tuesday 16 April when we will be looking at the readings for Sunday 21 April: Acts 4, 5-12; 1 John 3, 16-end; John 10, 11-18. we will meet at 8pm via Zoom, for login details please contact Peter Boyden. All welcome to join us.

Betty Thompson

Betty Thompsons funeral service will be on the 25th April in Church at 11.00am.

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

Please make a note of our Annual Parochial Church Council, it will be good to have your company. If you are not on our Electoral Roll, please think about joining. This is a list of people in St. Mary's who are entitled vote at the meeting.

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.

THE PLANT SALE is coming!



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 is 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.

Parish Magazine

Many of you will be aware that we did not produce an April Issue of Parish Magazine. This was due to a combination of time restraints and lack of contributions. If the magazine is to continue we need articles/contributions (photos are welcome) from you.

Please forward any articles for May magazine to Jo Clark - joc1947@msn.com - leave in Church or drop off to Atlanta in Church House. The dead line is 19th. April.

Grace Café



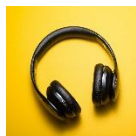
Grace Café will move back to the Church from Wednesday 3rd April 2024. You are most welcome to join us between 10am to 12noon. Please join the volunteers who host the Grace Cafe on Wednesdays. There is a sign-up sheet in the church. In case you haven't done it before, you will be with someone who has, 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. If you would like to volunteer to help, please have a word with Anne Yolland.

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,
you filled your disciples with boldness
and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen

Requests for Prayer

Weekly

Merle Jones
Pat Coomber
Family and friends of
Betty Thompson

Monthly Week 2

John Edmonds
Shelagh Frankham
Richard Handforth

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 child-friendly Communion service with Baptism on 14th April 2024
(3rd Sunday of Easter)**

Readings Acts 3:12-19; Luke 24:36b-48

Hymns

133	Firmly I believe and truly.
27	Amazing grace
222	I am the bread of life.
405	One more step

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*