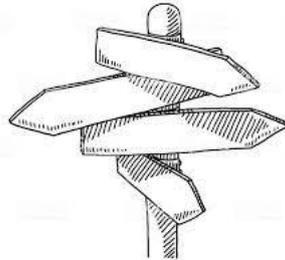


NEWS LETTER

of St. Mary Bromley

11th January 2024

Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?'
Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'
John 14.5-6



There can be so many conflicting voices telling us which way to go in life. An added complication is that we are just told to make our own choice and we do not have the information. Jesus called himself 'the way..'. This is quite a claim. But at its heart he is telling us how to be truly human and fully alive. To follow him is to find the true desire of our heart.

Sunday Clubs



All children and parents are welcome to join us for the Sunday Clubs session on Sunday 14th January. We start in church at 10.30 a.m. Please come and support Thomas as he is admitted to Holy Communion on Sunday 14th January. We will stay in the Family Zone for the whole of the service.

Evening Study Group – on Tuesday 16 January, 8pm



The next meeting of the Evening Study Group will be held via Zoom at 8pm on Tuesday 16 January 2024 to study the readings for Sunday 21 January. Further information and login details from Peter Boyden.

A Night at the Musicals – 13th January, doors open 7.15pm



Songs from the West End and Broadway performed caberet style by Artform. Held in the Warwick Hall. Tickets £13.50 www.ticketsource.co.uk/artform in advance or on the door. Bring your own drinks and nibbles.

Church Tidy Up – Wednesday 17 January, 10am – 12 noon

You are invited to a special opportunity to 'church tidy up' during Grace Café, 10 am - 12 noon as part of our preparation for Alan's last service on 21st January. We want to make a really welcoming impression on our many visitors.

Alan's Last Sunday, 21st January 2024



Just a quick reminder that, if you are expecting to come for lunch, please let Carole Beale know. If you want there to *be* lunch, please also sign up to prepare some food – e.g. salads, cakes or desserts! There are sign-up lists at the back of the church for food, and for help needed in setting up the lunch and clearing up afterwards.

Questions for Alan



Please think if there are things that you have relied upon for Alan to know. If you need such information please contact him before the 21st of January and make sure it does not go with him!

Contacting Alan by email

People have recently been finding contacting Alan with his Tiscali email address has been unreliable. You are welcome to use this alternative alankeeler58@gmail.com. Once Alan and Gill have moved from the vicarage the Tiscali email address will no longer exist.

February Edition of Parish Magazine

Please note the closing date for contributions will be 15 January. Remember this is the first magazine since Dec /Jan edition printed in November so you may wish to put in news, notices. or photographs. Please email to joc1947@msn.com



**Following Alan's retirement,
Gill and Alan will be moving to the Midlands.
From the 1st March their contact details will be:**

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Our email address of agkeeler@tiscali.co.uk will be discontinued

*We will be delighted to receive visitors,
but do contact us beforehand
to ensure we are available.*



Lent 2024

Just to remind us all that Easter is early this year, and that Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 14th February (also Valentine's Day!). We will have a service of Holy Communion at 8pm with Imposition of Ashes. During Lent we will have a Lent Group in person on Thursdays in the Buchan Hall, at 10am and again at 8pm each week, from Thursday 15th February to Thursday 21st March. Easter Sunday is 31st March.

Prayer

A Prayer for the week

Eternal Lord,
our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation
to your glory, hidden through past ages
and made known
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Requests for Prayer

Weekly

Julian, Geoffrey and
Philip Dodds,
Denis' sons
Daisy Batt
Friend of Alison Tyler

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 14th January 2024 (Epiphany) - with admission of Thomas Finnis to Holy Communion

Readings	1 Samuel 3.1-10, John 14.1-6
Hymns	148 From heaven you came
	sheet When Thomas heard from Jesus (Penlan)
	311 Lord Jesus Christ
	405 One more step along the world I go

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