

NEWS LETTER

of St. Mary Bromley

11th July 2024

The Wedding Feast at Cana

This is our reading for today and as we start to think about it, the thing that I always appreciate about this story of Jesus is that he is attending a wedding feast. He is a man who celebrates with us, when we describe Jesus as God-with-us, it is really important to remember that he is not just a man of sorrows, the one who was crucified, he began early in his ministry to be one who celebrates with us. Following his baptism, first he called his disciples, and then he went to a wedding.

Sunday Club



It's an All Age Family Communion service on Sunday 14th July at 10.30 a.m. All families are welcome.

August Hymn Choice Time



When we try and use hymns in our worship that we have chosen from amongst our own favourites. Please tell Atlanta, Alison or one of the church wardens or Sign up on the list at the back of church your name, your choice of hymn, where we can find it and why you like it.

Rosemary Cubberley's Funeral

Christine, Rosemary's daughter, tells us that her funeral is arranged for the 18th July at 11.00am at Hither Green Crematorium. We are welcome to come and join the family and it is also hoped to have a Memorial Service and a tea party celebrating Rosemary's life at St Mary's a little later.

Mothers' Union – Wave of Prayer – Sunday 14th July



This year our Diocesan Wave of Prayer will be on Sunday 14th July. We will say these prayers in the North Transept, after the morning service. Please do come and join us for this short service.

Sunday Club End of Term Breakfast – Sunday 21st July – 10.30am



All children and their parents are invited to the Sunday Club End of Term Breakfast on Sunday 21st July. Please meet at 10.30 a.m. in the Church Garden, or in Church House, if wet, for pastries, croissants, cereal bars, fresh fruit and fruit juice. We will endeavour to cater for those with an allergy to gluten and dairy products.

Ride and Stride – Saturday 14th September



Ride and Stride for Friends of Kent Churches is on **Saturday 14th September** this year, it's 75th anniversary. Last year this event raised £140,029 and St Mary's hopes to take part again. Therefore, we need your help. Are you willing to visit participating churches and chapels on that date or help keep St Mary's open for visitors? Can you provide sponsorship? Please let Chris Soper know and add the date to your diary.

Churchyard Gardening – First Saturday of the month



We will be holding gardening mornings on the first Saturday of the month if fine and Church cleaning indoors if wet. The next date is the 3rd August. We have a lovely church yard so please do join us to help keeping it up. Tea and biscuits - maybe Cake - to follow.

Pastoral Team

The Pastoral Team will not be meeting in August. The last meeting will be on the 30th July and recommences on the 3rd September. If you need to contact us we will still be available by phone or email.

Update on the vacancy

Interviews will take place on 6th August.

Grace Café



You are most welcome to join us between 10am to 12noon on Wednesdays. 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.

Prayer

A Prayer for the week

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Requests for

Prayer

Weekly

Friends and family of
Rosemary Cubberley
Merle Jones
Olive Green
Nigel Benjamin
Lisa Morris's brother
Richard Morss

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 All Age Communion –14th July 2024 – 7th Sunday after Trinity

Readings John 2. 1-11

Hymns

378	O Lord all the world
39	As the deer pants
4	A new commandment v 1,2,4 omit 3
388	O praise ye the Lord

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*