

NEWS LETTER

of St. Mary Bromley

12 July 2023

*There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus
has set you free from the law of sin and of death.*

Romans 8.1,2



The British can be very polite and will frequently make apologies. 'I'm sorry' or 'pardon me' are frequent expressions said to ensure people know we do not wish to offend them; even if we have done nothing wrong! But the word 'pardon' can have far greater weight when a clear offense has taken place and a guilty person is forgiven. I can remember the first time I came across Paul's words 'there is therefore now no condemnation'. I had to read it several times to enable the weight of it to sink in. Sometimes our greatest accuser can be ourselves. But Paul says be kind to yourself, that is how God acts towards you. When we know we are loved we can be at ease with people and enable them to know such joys too.

This Sunday we welcome Eloise Marie Ventriglia-Homewood for her baptism. She is joined by her parents Oliver and Denise along with godparents Chung, Nicole and Alysia. There will also be family and friends, some of whom will have travelled from Italy.

Sunday Club's Summer Breakfast



All children and their parents are welcome to join us for breakfast. On Sunday 16th July
We start in church at 10.30 a.m. (the image is just an idea of what will be available!)

The Evening Study Group



The next meeting will be at Peter and Frances Boyden's home at 8pm on Tuesday 18 July to discuss the readings for next Sunday (23rd): Isaiah 44, 6-8; Romans 8, 12-25; Matthew 13, 24-30, 36-43. For further details please ask Peter.

160 in September

Thank you to all who have been part of the provisional planning for our 160th Anniversary. There will be an online meeting at 7.30pm on Tuesday 18 July. This is open for anyone to attend, to contribute or just find out more. The login for joining us on Zoom will be:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9846928301?pwd=RzJlZ2hkNlRVU04zb3JlQ0Q2pUQ0xOUT09>

Meeting ID: 984 692 8301 Passcode: supper

If you cannot join us but would like to make a suggestions please speak with Alan or email him at agkeeler@tiscali.co.uk

August Hymns



During August the hymns are chosen by the congregation. There are forms available for you to nominate a hymn to be included. We also ask for a few words about why it is important to you. It is always lovely to hear the story behind a choice.

Murals Fundraising

A generous member of the congregation has made us an extraordinary offer. Whatever is raised between 1st June and 31st December they will match, up to a limit of £10,000. This presents us with an opportunity to try to raise most of the required funds by the end of the year. Please consider how you might be able to meet this challenge. Please contact Alan Keeler or John Beale if you want to know more.

Concert by The Bromley Boy Singers



The Bromley Boy Singers return to St Mary's at 19:30 on July 15th, to perform a concert to include music from the Antipodes, well known classics, and works written especially for The Bromley Boy Singers by composer James Lark. The Bromley Boy Singers has a reputation for the quality, variety and enthusiasm of its performances and education programme. It has performed in a variety of illustrious situations including Marvellous May at St. Mary's last year. Tickets for this concert can be purchased on the door, or via the website: www.bromleyboysingers.org.uk

Summer Art



Bromley Art Society have an exhibition in the Glades from Tuesday 11th July - Sunday 20th August. Located on the first floor next to the NHS Hub. All works for sale.

Further information www.bromleyartsociety.org.uk or see flyer at back of church.

Table Top Sale



Looking ahead to November 4th, plans are afoot to raise funds towards the Church Mural restoration. If you are interested or know of anyone that would like to hire a table for the afternoon please save the date. Enquiries to Carole Beale at carole.beale@yahoo.com

Grace Café



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

Prayer

We have heard from Geoff Lloyd, a past curate of St. Mary's. His health has improved considerably with a new drug this means he will need no further chemotherapy at the moment. He is grateful for our support.

A Prayer for the week

Creator God,
you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that we see,
and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Requests for prayer

Weekly

David Collins
Eileen White's brother
Julian Dodds
Geoff Lloyd

Monthly Week 2

John Edmonds
Shelagh Frankham
Richard Handforth
Peter Henwood

Worship, Prayer and Fellowship

Our service on Sunday will be Live Streamed. See <https://www.facebook.com/stmarysbromley/>
At our 10.30am Family Communion this Sunday:

Reading	Isaiah 55.10-13, Romans 8.1-11, Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23
Hymns	212 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty
	296 Let all the world in every corner sing
	322 Love is his word
	494 The Spirit lives to set us free

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

Since Easter the practice of distributing Holy Communion has changed. For details see here: <https://www.stmarys-bromley.org.uk/worship/distribution-of-holy-communion/>

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