

# NEWS LETTER

13 September 2023

## of St. Mary Bromley

*Then Peter came and said to Jesus, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?'*

*Matthew 18.21*



*Thanks to Annabel Topham who designed this artwork*

One of the great gifts of our faith is peace. This is about relationships being free of bitterness and conflict. Peter asks about forgiveness. Perhaps the question for us is not just how much should we forgive but how much do we want peace?

Our worship on Sunday includes the Baptism of Georgia Nye. Her parents are Mark and Michelle, her Godparents are Amy and Paul Garrett, and Adam and Rachel Warwick

Our 160th celebrations continue with a Cream Tea and Music evening details below.

### Church Wardens



Please will you join us for a Special Parochial Church Meeting after the morning service on the 17th September. This is to elect Church Wardens. This is now very important as a church without Church Wardens does not look viable. Alan Keeler has written to all of the members of the Electoral Roll. The letter explains a way to make the job of Church Warden less onerous with a team of six people. Our Archdeacon Allie Kerr will be present to provide a wider point of view. Please do speak with Alan if you are thinking about stepping forward. A copy of the letter can be found here <https://d3hgrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net/5f1a79d215fe0/content/pages/documents/church-warden-letter.pdf>

### 160 in September – Celebrations 6th to 17th September



Please do come and join us for our celebratory events.

For website information

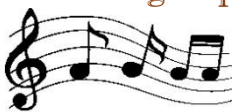
<https://www.stmarys-bromley.org.uk/happening-now/celebrating-160-years/>

### 160 Cream Tea



Do join us on Saturday 16th September for a delicious Cream Tea as part of the 160 year celebrations. There will also be the option of savoury scones for those who prefer something less sweet. Teas will be served between 2.30 pm – 4.30 pm in church. **Please use the sign-up sheet at the back of church to confirm numbers attending for catering purposes and to notify of any food allergies.** Alternatively, to reserve a place, please contact Anne Yolland on 0208 466 1939 or email [anne.yolland@outlook.com](mailto:anne.yolland@outlook.com) Donations are invited for the St Mary's murals restoration fund.

### Music Evening - 4pm Sunday 17 September



Melodic Sounds of Easy Jazz with Afie & Nick Beston followed by Lyrical Delights from the Astri Quartet this event will be accompanied with tempting refreshments

### Seedless Blackberry Jam



This is now on sale at the back of church. It will be available throughout the 160th celebrations.

All proceeds will go to the Mural Fund.

## Mothers' Union



Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 14th September at 10.00am in the Front Room of Church House. This will be a quiz morning, as in previous years, this will be organised and run by Chris and John Soper. All are welcome to come and join us for a fun morning.

## Ride and Stride



A big thank you to all the Welcomers who offered an open church and hospitality last Saturday. The extremely hot weather may account for why there were so few visitors. The Boydens and Sopers completed their Ride and Strides around a scorching Kent so many thanks to all who supported them. The total raised is in the region of £390 but the final amount to be confirmed shortly when all monies received.

## Harvet Festival – 10.30am 8 October



You are warmly invited to our Harvest Festival where we will receive gifts which will be given to Bromley Borough Foodbank. There are particular requests for the following: UHT Milk, Coffee, Squash, Fruit Juice, Jam, Desserts, Sweets, Savoury Extras, Jam, Rice Pudding, Custard, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Veg, Tinned Soup, Tinned Tomatoes, Hot Meat/ Cold Meat, Tinned Potatoes, Rice Packet, Cooking Sauces, Toilet rolls, Multi-Surface Wipes, Multi-Surface Sprays, Shampoo, Conditioner, Shower Gel, Shaving Gel, Razors.

## Guild of Church Flower Arrangers



AGM and demonstration by Graham Harmer on Monday 3rd October 2023. To be held at 7.30 pm at All Saint's Church, Bark Hart Road, Orpington. BR6 0QD. The Guild came to St Mary's in June. Visitors £5.

## 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.

## Live Streaming church services

Our Live Streamed services continue to be viewed by many people and is a significant way for people to connect with us especially if they are housebound. This is currently done by Alan and Gill. Alan would like to know if you are interested in joining a team to take this on as it will be important to continue streaming services after January. There will be full training, a manual describing the operation and support as you learn what is involved.

## Refreshments Rota



Many thanks to all who so willingly and regularly serve refreshments on a Sunday morning after the service. If you would like to volunteer to help with this, 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.

## Al-Emaan Centre Open Day – 11am to 4pm Saturday 23rd September



The Mosque at Keston is a beautiful building with a very welcoming community. It will be part of the national 'Visit My Mosque' initiative at Al-Emaan Centre, Croydon Road, BR2 8HF. There will be plenty in store throughout the day for all members of the family, and not least refreshments & delicacies for all! For more information see <https://al-emaan.org.uk/>

## Table Top Sale on November 4th, 2-4pm in Church House.



If you would like to book a Table space at £10 or have a query, please contact Carole on 0208 460 9330 or email [carole.beale@yahoo.com](mailto:carole.beale@yahoo.com). The booking fee will be towards the church mural restoration fund. Offers of help in other ways, especially on the day will be gratefully accepted.

## 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](mailto:mary@fallfamily.co.uk)

## Save the date – Alan's last service as Vicar of St. Mary's

Come and join us at 10.30am on 21st January 2024

## Prayer

### A Prayer for the week

Lord God,  
defend your Church from all false teaching  
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,  
that we may enjoy eternal life  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Requests for prayer

#### Weekly

David Collins  
Eileen White's brother  
Sheila and Paul Knight  
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 Service of Family Communion on 17th September:

Reading Genesis 50.15-21, Romans 14.1-12, Matthew 18.21-35

Hymns	321	Love Divine (Blaenwern)
	69	Breathe on me breath of God (Carlisle)
	464	Take my life and let it be
	313	Lord of all hopefulness

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.*