

# NEWS LETTER

## of St. Mary Bromley

13<sup>th</sup> June 2024

**“So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!”**

**2 Corinthians 5:17**

Since the Resurrection of Christ from the dead and the availability of new life in and through Him, all things are made new which is really exciting. As He died and rose again for all, those who live, live no longer for themselves, but for Him, in His light and power, who died and was raised for them. This means we are living in changed times as changed people, and are called to live together in new ways, as brothers and sisters, God's children walking together in the footsteps of Jesus.

**Rev Gary Colville, former curate at St Mary's will be leading our worship on 23<sup>rd</sup> June** and we will be having cake after the service both to celebrate his visit and to share with the Church Crawlers during the afternoon. Offers of cake to be made to Anne Yolland please

### Sunday Club



Weather permitting, we will have Garden Church on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June. All children and parents are welcome. We start in church at 10.30 a.m.

### Evening Study Group – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30pm



Evening Study Group will be meeting face to face in Trine and Martin's Beckenham home at 7.30pm (please note earlier start time) on Tuesday 18 June to study the readings for Sunday 23 June - 1 Samuel 17: 1a, 4-11, 32-49; 2 Corinthians 6, 1-13; Mark 4: 35-end. For directions, please contact Trine or Peter.

### Archdeacon's Visitation Service – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June, 8pm

All are welcome to join Maria and Clem as they are formally admitted as Churchwardens at the Archdeacon's Visitation Service at the church of St Peter and St Paul in Bromley on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June. The service starts at 8pm.

### College Road Closure – 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> June

College Road will be closed to vehicles from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June to Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June inclusive, between 09.00am – 5.00pm for resurfacing work. Grace Cafe will be open as usual but if you travel by car, please note that pedestrian access only will be available.

### Update on the vacancy

St Mary's PCC met Tuesday evening (4<sup>th</sup> June) to formally approve our parish profile and method for advertising and to appoint 2 parish representatives. This is known as the section 11 meeting.

We can announce that the vacancy will be advertised in Church Times, Pathways and the Diocese Website and Lisa Morris and Maria Staines will be our representatives to be involved in interviewing for our next vicar.

We would like to encourage everybody to share our parish profile on the St Mary's website home page <https://d3hgrrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net/5f1a79d215fe0/content/pages/documents/240604-st-marys-plaistow-parish-profile-final.pdf> with anyone who may know someone who is interested (and even those who aren't!) and 'like' and share our Facebook page posts to do our own bit of advertising. If you can think of somewhere that would like to display a poster (local supermarket, library etc) we can organise for some to be printed for you to display for us. Interviews will take place on 6th August.

## Christian Aid Week 2024



Since the notice in last week's News Letter was circulated a further £30 was received from members of the congregation, making the total raised from that source £582. The grand total currently stands at £813.58. Repeated thanks to all who supported this worthwhile cause.  
Peter Boyden

## Churches Together in Central Bromley - Church Crawl – 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 12pm

Explore with your friends the other Churches of Bromley. Further details to follow.

## Great North Swim: An update and thank you from Emily



On Saturday 8 June, I completed my 1 mile swim in aid of Bromley Little Theatre, as part of the Great North Swim. Thank you to everyone for your support for the second year running. The sun was shining and the water temperature in Windermere was a mild 15° (compared to 20° last year). Next up on the agenda is swimming 1 mile in Swim Serpentine in September and taking on the Great North Swim for a third time in 2025. At the time I've writing I've exceeded my target of £850. Thanks again, Emily Yolland

## Parish Magazine

The deadline for articles for our next Parish Magazine is Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024.

## Churchyard Gardening



It's 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.

## Grace Café



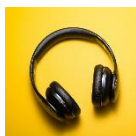
You are most welcome to join us between 10am to 12noon on Wednesdays. Please join the volunteers who host the Grace Cafe on Wednesdays. There is a sign-up sheet in the church. In case you haven't done it before, you will be with someone who has, so please join them and try it out.

## Refreshments Rota



Many thanks to all who willingly and regularly serve refreshments on a Sunday morning after the service.

## 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

God our saviour,  
look on this wounded world  
in pity and in power;  
hold us fast to your promises of peace  
won for us by your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

### Requests for Prayer

#### Weekly

Merle Jones  
Rosemary Cubberley  
Nigel Benjamin  
(Lisa Morris's  
brother)  
Olive Green

#### Monthly Week 2

Julian and Kerrie Henwood  
Gary Hughes  
Gemma Johnson  
relative of Anthia Page  
Geoff Lloyd

## 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](mailto:anthiapage@gmail.com).

## Worship, Prayer and Fellowship

Our service on Sundays are Live Streamed. See <https://www.facebook.com/stmarysbromley/>

**At our 10.30am Family Communion – 16th June 2024 – 3rd Sunday after Trinity**

<b>Readings</b>	1	Samuel 15:34-ch16:13; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17; Mark 4:26-34
<b>Hymns</b>	16	All over the world
	60	Bind us together Lord
	66	Bread is blessed and broken
	26	Alleluia sing to Jesus

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](mailto:admin@stmarys-bromley.org.uk)*