

# NEWS LETTER

## of St. Mary Bromley

14th March 2024

*Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.'*

*John 12:20*

I remember when I was training someone said to me that anyone who comes to worship is in fact saying to us "we wish to see Jesus" which means that we who are here already have a huge responsibility to show Jesus in all we do, our words and our behaviour, the way we treat each other all reflect the impact that Jesus has on us who follow him.

### Sunday Club



All children and parents are welcome to join us for the Sunday Club session on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March. We start in church at 10.30 a.m.

### Betty Thompson

It was with great sadness we heard this week, from her daughter Jane, that Betty had died on 5th March. She had been a member of St Mary's for 65 years. Those of us who knew her or even just met her a time or two, will remember a warm and enthusiastic person with great zest for life. If we have news of her funeral arrangements we will let people know.

### Do you want to be confirmed?



There is still time to attend classes and be ready for the Deanery Confirmation with Bishop Jonathon Pentecost Sunday 19th May at St Mary's Hayes at 10.30am. Please sign up or let Alison know.

### Electoral Roll

We would like to invite you to consider your support for St Mary's by joining the Electoral Roll.

An Electoral Roll is just that – it gives you the right to vote in the Annual Meetings. **Electoral roll members must be baptised Christians and regular worshippers at the Church.** You can do so by completing the Electoral Roll Form at the back of church and returning it to [admin@stmarys-bromley.org.uk](mailto:admin@stmarys-bromley.org.uk). Alternatively, return it to the Parish Office marked for the attention of Atlanta Topham

### Easter Flowers – Saturday 30th March.



Our small team of flower arrangers will be decorating the Church on Easter Saturday 30th March between 10.00 am – 12 noon. We would love some extra help and if anyone feels creative and would like to get involved with decorating one of the church window sills, this would be very welcome. A family may like to decorate a window sill or a couple of people could work together. This could be a very simple arrangement with a bunch of daffodils or tulips, twigs or greenery. Refreshments available. Please contact Anne Yolland in advance to discuss or for further information. Due to the rising costs of fresh flowers, any contributions towards the Easter flowers would be much appreciated. Thank you.

## Meaningful Easter Eggs – last week to order



The Egg that shares the Easter story will be available to order again this year. Fairtrade chocolate is available in milk £4.90 or dark chocolate £5.50. These eggs are not available to buy in supermarkets. Please use the sign-up sheet at the back of church. Easter is early this year, so please do order in good time.

## Grace Café – Change of Venue



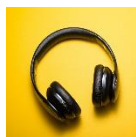
Please note that Grace Café is in the Buchan Hall in Church House until the weather warms up. Please enter via the side doors. **More volunteers are very welcome.**

## Refreshments Rota



Many thanks to all who willingly and regularly serve refreshments on a Sunday morning after the service. If you would like to volunteer to help, please have a word with Anne Yolland.

## 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.”

## Lent Group – Thursday 15th – 21st March, 10.00am – 11.30am and 8.00pm.

During Lent we will have a Lent Group Studying Holy Communion on Thursdays in the Buchan Hall at 10am and again at 8pm each week. ***Please leave your email address on the sign-up sheet at the back of Church so you can be sent the programme.***

Lent

## Churches Together in Central Bromley Lent Course – 20th February – 26th March

Looking ahead slightly, I am happy to confirm that the **CTCB Lent Course for 2024** will run on Tuesdays at 8pm from 20th February to 26th March inclusive at St Peter & St Paul's Church. The course will consist of six sessions and will be based on **Paul's letter to the Romans**. Usually run by Rev'd Andrew McClellan from St John the Evangelist more information coming soon in Church.

## Save the date – Sunday 24th March, 7.30pm

Lent lecture at St John's Church, Park Road BR1 3HY, details to follow.

## 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.*

## Prayer

### A Prayer for the week

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have taught us  
that what we do for the least of our brothers  
and sisters  
we do also for you:  
give us the will to be the servant of others  
as you were the servant of all,  
and gave up your life and died for us,  
but are alive and reign, now and for ever. Amen

### Requests for Prayer

#### Weekly

Lynda, Andrew, Jack and  
Paul Zissell  
Sylvia Passmore  
Lynda Zissell's mother  
Merle Jones

#### Monthly Week 3

Gary Hughes  
Gemma Johnson  
relative of Anthia Page  
Geoff Lloyd



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) or phone

## Worship, Prayer and Fellowship

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

### At our 10.30am Family Communion on 17th March 2024 - Fifth Sunday in Lent

**Readings** Jeremiah 31:31-34, Hebrew 5: 5-10, John 12: 20-33

**Hymns** 133 Firmly I believe and truly  
195 Happy are they  
322 Love is his word  
380 O lord my God

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)*