

# NEWS LETTER

## of St. Mary Bromley

14<sup>th</sup> November 2024

### Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd”

This imagery of the shepherd and the sheep runs deep in Jewish thought. Sheep are named in the Bible more than any other animal (194 times). The three greatest names of the Old Testament, Abraham, Moses and David, were all shepherds. Perhaps the best known passage of scripture is Psalm 23 - ‘The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.’ We will hear more about this popular image on Sunday, but we heard it read at Eucharist’s service on 6<sup>th</sup> November as well. The shepherd is the one who leads, who nurtures, who protects from dangers and takes care of the flock. It is a very Christian pattern of living, and we who follow Jesus as our Lord, are also like the good shepherd, we are called to be those who nurture, who protect and take care of others.

### Sunday Club



It’s an All Age Family Communion service on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30 a.m. Come and join in the Great Sheep Hunt.

### National Safeguarding Sunday – 17<sup>th</sup> November



On the 17<sup>th</sup> November we will be marking National Safeguarding Sunday.

### Evening Study Group – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November, 8pm



Evening Study Group meets next via Zoom at 8pm on Tuesday 19 November to discuss the second chapter of Paul Gooder's *Women of the Nativity*: an opportunity to think about a view of the Old Testament you are unlikely to have met before! For further information please contact Peter Boyden.

### Welcare in Bromley, Service of Thanksgiving – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024, 11.30am



You are warmly invited to join us for a Service of Thanksgiving with the Choir of Parish Primary School at Bromley Parish Church, St Peter and St Paul Church Road, Bromley BR2 0EG (behind Primark). Everyone is welcome to stay for a light buffet lunch afterward. For more information call Welcare on 020 7820 7910 or email [info@welcare.org](mailto:info@welcare.org).

### Photographs from Revd Eucharist Ifeoma Asiegbu’s Licensing Service

Photographs - prints and emailed digital downloads available of St Mary's congregation portraits and Eucharist's licensing service taken by Brian Morris. The details to order are online with each picture when you click order at the bottom of each image. £4 for a 6x4, £6 for a 7x5 and £5 for an emailed digital download. Here are the 2 links for all the photos: <https://1203050.tifmember.com/p/92384hbx>

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[Eucharist @ St Mary's 6-11-24](#)

[1203050.tifmember.com](https://1203050.tifmember.com)

## Diocesan Poverty and Hope Collection – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November



Envelopes will be available in Church.

## Christmas Fair - Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2pm



Please bring any non-perishable items they would like to donate from Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October to the box at the back of church. Any baked items for the day eg mince pies and cakes for the raffle to please be brought on the day and for bakers to liaise with Anne Yolland about what they would like to provide. Should you have any questions please speak to the church wardens.

### Calling all bakers!



Thank you in advance to those who have already offered to bake... we are still in need of some more delicious cakes and mince pies for our Christmas Fair on 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2 pm – 5 pm.

If you can help us by baking a cake or some mince pies, that would be appreciated. Something festive and some gluten free or dairy free would be good. Please can you sign the sheet at the back of church or let Anne Yolland know

### Thank you



A huge thank you to everyone who was involved with the arrangements for Eucharist's induction service on 6<sup>th</sup> November. With special thanks to the hospitality team, flower arrangers, Mother's Union cakes, hall decorators, photography and many more – it was a wonderful collaborative team effort!

### Ride and Stride



St Mary's has received £122.50 back from Ride and Stride (Friends of Kent Churches). Their Treasurer, Susan Hooper, has sent us a warm letter of thanks, which is at the back of the church. We are grateful for the generous sponsorship of our church Welcomers for keeping our church open on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September.

### The Real Advent Calendar



A new design for 2024, Fairtrade milk chocolate, palm oil free, charitable donation, 24-page Christmas story-activity book. A line of the story behind each window. £5.50. These calendars are not available to buy in supermarkets. Available to order, please use the sign-up form at the back of church or contact Anne Yolland.

## Grace Café



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

## Prayer

### A Prayer for the week

Heavenly Lord,  
you long for the world's salvation:  
stir us from apathy,  
restrain us from excess  
and revive in us new hope  
that all creation will one day be healed  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### Requests for Prayer

#### Weekly

Olive  
Richard  
(Barbara B cousin)  
Andrew  
Carolyn  
(friend of Alison)  
Patricia  
Kellie  
(friend of Carole)  
Debi and her family  
Laura and her family  
Bridget  
(friend of Lynda)  
Tony

#### Monthly Week 3

Merle  
Julian and Kerrie  
Gary  
Gemma  
(relative of Anthia)  
Geoff  
Nigel  
(Lisa M brother)



If you have a need for prayer for 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 All Age Family Communion – 17th November 2024 – 2nd before Advent**

### Readings

Luke 15: 3-7

### Hymns

236 I will enter his gates with thanksgiving in my heart  
186 Great is they faithfulness  
484 The King of love my shepherd is  
206 He's got the whole world in his hand

## Hymns and Readings Rota

Please give your availability to Atlanta for reading and leading Intercessions, so we can fill in the Rota with confidence.

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)*