

NEWS LETTER

of St. Mary Bromley

15 September 2022

Jesus said 'Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much.

Luke 16.10a

It is with great sadness that we have heard of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II



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Blessed Jesus, Lord of Lords and King of Kings,
we give you thanks for our late sovereign, Queen Elizabeth II.
for the grace and mercy she received from you,
for all that she reflected of your gracious sovereignty,
and for the great love she held for you and for her people.
Enfold her in your everlasting arms grant her rest
and raise her up at the last
in the company of the saints in light. Amen.

There is a book of condolence in the church for people to sign to share their thoughts. This will be available until the end of the day after the day of the funeral. There will also be candles available to light.

Morning Prayer on the day of Queen Elizabeth's funeral

Alan and Alison will be saying Morning Prayer at 9.00 a.m. on Monday 19th September in the church building. There is an open invitation for anyone who would like, to join them.

Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving, this Sunday 10.30 a.m.

This will be an opportunity to reflect on the experiences of Covid. We will express the complexity of our sadness and loss along with gratitude for all that was achieved. This will be within a Family Communion.

Sunday Clubs' Garden Church



Please join us for Garden Church on Sunday.

Meet in church at 10.30 a.m.

All children and their parents welcome.

Apologies

I am sorry that last week's Newsletter was distributed later than usual. This meant some events had already taken place by the time it was received. I had prepared the edition on time but then forgot to pass it on for distribution, Alan Keeler.

Something Special in September

St. Mary's will continue with the planned events for the period between Thursday 8th to Sunday 18th. The church building will be open between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. There will be special events along with time to be in the building for quiet reflection. There are flyers available in the church and details on the website here:

<https://www.stmarys-bromley.org.uk/happening-now/something-special-in-september/>

Rock Choir – September 16th, Friday at 8pm



The UK's original award-winning, local, contemporary choir will be here in St Mary's to provide a fun evening of lively and popular music, raising money for Welcare in Bromley, helping local families.

Tickets £10 available on the door, payable by cash or card.

Or available online by going to Welcare.org - Ask Mary Fall for more details.

Something Special in September Cream Tea, September 17th



Please save the date, on **Saturday 17th September**, there will be another opportunity to enjoy a relaxing time in church with a cream tea. The tea room will be open between 2 pm – 5 pm. To assist with numbers for catering and dietary needs, please use the sign-up sheet at the back of church. Thank you. Anne Yolland.

Musical Extravaganza! Sunday 18th September 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.



A wide range of musical talents including Jazz, Organ, and a Barber Shop Quartet. Along with some lovely refreshments we are sure you will be greatly delighted.

Ride and Stride

A big thank you to all who generously supported Ride and Stride on Saturday 10th. The Welcoming Team kept the church open all day and provided refreshments. About 20 visitors also came as part of London Open House or to sit and reflect on the loss of our Queen. It was a great team effort. We will soon announce the total sponsorship money collected, of which half goes to the Friends of Kent Churches and half to St Mary's.

Grace Café



You are most welcome to join us on Wednesday mornings 10am to 12noon in church for coffee, cake and fellowship.

JusB part-time youth worker



JusB youth charity are looking to recruit a part-time youth worker, 6.5 hours per week on a Thursday/Friday afternoon/early evening. JusB are looking for a committed and energetic team member to provide support, activities and guidance to young people from 10 years to 18 years. Closing date: Monday, 10th October at 12 noon. Further information and application pack from Project Manager, Ned McWhirter, ned@jusb.co.uk or www.jusb.co.uk

Harvest Festival Lunch 9th October



You are invited to our Harvest Festival Lunch in the Warwick Hall at 12.30 after Morning Service. We will offer you a two course lunch, including poached salmon, new potatoes and various salads. a vegetarian option, fruit crumble and custard, and child friendly choices. Soft drinks will be provided, if you want wine do please bring your own. To help plan the catering please sign up on the list in Church so we have accurate numbers. Donations welcome. Please notify admin@stmarys-bromley.org.uk if you have any food allergies.

Fund Raising for repair of Chancel Murals

We are grateful for the contributions that we have so far received. Details about the project can be found here <https://www.stmarys-bromley.org.uk/lockdown/restoring-the-murals/>

Interment of ashes for Keith and Barbara Barratt

This will take place after the morning service on Sunday 25th September. There is an open invitation for members of the congregation to attend.

Memorial Book

There is a memorial book at St. Mary's in which may be inscribed names of people associated with this place. If you would like to know more details please contact Alan or Jean Read on 020 8402 0886.

Prayer

We are sorry to hear of the death of Barbara Zissell's recent death. St. Mary's had been praying for her for a number of months.

Prayer for the week

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Requests for prayer

Weekly

Oliver Frankham
Julian and Kerrie Henwood
Sean Reynolds
Rosemary Cubberley's Relative

Monthly week 3

Richard Handforth
Peter Henwood
Gary Hughes
Gemma Johnson
relative of Anthia Page

Worship, Prayer and Fellowship

Our 10.30am service on Sunday will be Live Streamed on our Facebook Page from 10.25am with a recording available shortly after. See <https://www.facebook.com/stmarysbromley/>

The reading for Sunday – Amos 8.4-7, 1 Timothy 2.1-7, Luke 16.1-13

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

If you are not online you might like to try Daily Hope from the Church of England, offering music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services. Available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044.

Revd. Alan Keeler