

# NEWS LETTER

## of St. Mary Bromley

15th August 2024

**“God said to him, (Solomon) ‘Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, .....but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honour all your life”**

**1 Kings:3 12**

If you could have whatever you wished for would you or I wish for wisdom and discernment, after all you need to be fairly wise to know that you need wisdom and discernment? King David has died and Bathsheba's son Solomon is the new King and he is famous in history for his wisdom, for building the Temple in Jerusalem, and for a fairly peaceful reign, compared to those that have gone before or in the future. God gave him what he asked for, and because it was for the good of others that he should be a good King, God gave him as well riches and honour. I wish that my choices were as wise, and I wish the same for all those you reading this today.

### SUMMER BREAK NEWS

#### Sunday Club

We're having a summer break. Please make use of the toys, books, pens and paper in the Family Zone.

#### Evening Study Group

Evening Study Group will be having a break during August, with the next meeting on Tuesday 3 September 2024. Any enquiries to Peter Boyden.

#### Pastoral Team

St Mary's Bromley Pastoral Team will not be meeting in August. The last meeting will be on the 30th July and recommences on the 3rd September. If you need to contact us, we will still be available by phone or email.

#### Grace Café

The 30th July will be the last Grace Cafe this summer. It will resume in September.

### Ian Allured



Ian Allured's funeral will take place on Thursday 29th August 2024 at 2.00pm in St Andrew's Church, Corhampton SO32 3NE.

### Mothers' Union Coffee Morning



Thank you for supporting this event. It was very sociable with plenty of chat and plenty of cake. And the sun shone! Your generous donations provided £173.50 for the project 'Summer of Hope' providing teaching of literacy and guidance on agricultural projects in Africa. Some families lives will be transformed by this. Thank you.

## Parish Magazine – Deadline for Articles - 18<sup>th</sup> August 2024

The next issue of Parish Magazine will be the September edition. If you are starting up any new project or restarting meetings or classes and would like to advertise, please let the editors have any information by 18 August. Email to [joc1947@msn.com](mailto:joc1947@msn.com) or leave info at back of Church. Any other contributions would be most welcome. Jo Clark.

## Churchyard Gardening – Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August



Church yard gardening has moved from 7th September to 31st August, because on the 7th September we will already have a Baptism at 12.00 noon and a Cream Tea at 2.30. Please pray for Matilda Rose who will be baptised on that day.

## Cream Tea – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2.30pm



Do join us for a cream or savoury tea on Saturday 7th September, 2.30 pm – 5 pm in church. Please let us know if you plan to attend by signing up on the sheet at the back of church or let Anne Yolland know.

## Ride and Stride – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September



Ride and Stride for Friends of Kent Churches is on **Saturday 14th September** this year, it's 75th anniversary. Last year this event raised £140,029 and St Mary's hopes to take part again. Therefore, we need your help. Are you willing to visit participating churches and chapels on that date or help keep St Mary's open...Can you provide sponsorship? This event will be combined with **London Open House** at the same time. Please let Chris Soper know and add the date to your diary.

## Save the Date - Christmas Fair - Saturday 30th November

If you would like to be part of the planning, there is a sign-up sheet at the back of the Church.

## Plant sale - growing success – an email received



I hope this email finds you well.

I purchased a busy lizzie cutting from your plant sale a couple of months ago, and wanted to show you it now.

After weeks of care, here it is now! Please kindly see attached photo.

I am delighted with it, and it makes me happy everytime I go into my garden and see it!

I will be back again when you next have a sale.

Kind regards

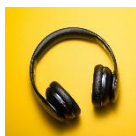
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## Refreshments Rota



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 of constant mercy,  
who sent your Son to save us:  
remind us of your goodness,  
increase your grace within us,  
that our thankfulness may grow,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### Requests for

#### Prayer

##### Weekly

Merle  
Olive  
Nigel  
(Lisa M brother)  
Richard  
(Barbara B cousin)  
Andrew  
Charlotte and Carolyn  
(friend of Alison T)  
Anthia

##### Monthly Week 3

Julian and Kerrie  
Gary  
Gemma  
relative of Anthia P  
Geoff

## Wisdom and Discernment

Please pray for our Parish reps Lisa and Maria and for Allie our Archdeacon that they might have the wisdom and discernment needed to interview for our new Vicar on the 20th August – this week !!! so we pray for the last time (we hope) our prayer for a new Vicar.

## 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 – 18<sup>th</sup> August 2024 - 12th Sunday after Trinity**

**Readings** 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3.3-14; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

<b>Hymns</b>	561	Will your anchor hold	Joy Putt because she loves the sea. and it reminds her of Somerset where she was brought up.
	311	Lord Jesus -Christ	Anne Yolland reminds me of my wedding.
	246	In heavenly love abiding	Margaret Eames
	522	To God be the glory	Alison Tyler and Peter Boyden

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