

NEWS LETTER

of St. Mary Bromley

16th May 2024

When the Counsellor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me. And you also must testify about me for you have been with me from the beginning.

John 15: 26-27

We see that Jesus once again offers us hope and the wonderful gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, giving us the strength to endure the unreasonable hatred and evil in our world and the hostility many have towards Christ. This is especially comforting for those facing persecution.

Sunday Club



All children and parents are welcome to join us for the Sunday Club session on Sunday 19th May. We start in church at 10.30 a.m.

Interment of Ashes

The interment of Anne Bunting's ashes in the Garden of Remembrance will take place after morning service on Sunday 19th May.

Christian Aid Week – 12th – 18th May



Christian Aid Week ends today, 19 May. Can any outstanding gifts be placed in the offertory plate either today or next Sunday (26th); or be given to me at Grace Cafe on Wednesday 22 May. Very many thanks to those who have already contributed to this year's appeal. The total realised will be published as soon as possible. Peter Boyden

Evening Study Group – Tuesday 21st May, 8pm

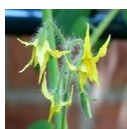


Evening Study Group meets on Tuesday 21 May at 8pm via Zoom, to study the readings for 26 May: Isaiah 6, 1-8; Romans 8, 12-17; John 3, 1-17. For login details and further information please contact Peter Boyden.

Deanery Confirmation – Sunday 19th May

Please pray for the people in our Deanery who are preparing for their confirmation on Sunday 19th May at St Mary's Hayes at 10.30am including Sheila Crimmin from St Mary's. It would be lovely if some of us from St Mary's went with Sheila to Hayes to show our support.

Plant Sale – Saturday 18th May, 10.00am – 12.00pm in Church House



Plants are growing well and will be on sale in the Buchan Hall and outside. There will be a RAFFLE, TEA/COFFEE and CAKE in the Front Room. Offers of cake, including the variety, will be much appreciated by Mary Fall (mary@fallfamily.co.uk or 07801271202) or Anne Yolland (anne.yolland@outlook.com or 07929756295). All proceeds to Mothers' Union project Away from it All.

Bromley Borough Foodbank



On behalf of Bromley Borough Foodbank, I would like to thank everyone from St Mary's Church for donating 24kg of food to the Foodbank in March and April. Your donations helped us provide food parcels to many vulnerable people in our community and support those most in need. Many thanks once again to you all for showing such kindness and generosity, and for your continuing support.

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



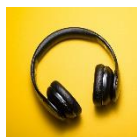
You are most welcome to join us between 10am to 12noon on Wednesdays. Please join the volunteers who host the Grace Cafe on Wednesdays. There is a sign-up sheet in the church. In case you haven't done it before, you will be with someone who has, so please join them and try it out.

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

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Requests for Prayer

Weekly

Merle Jones
Pat Coomber
Rosemary Cubberley

Monthly Week 3

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.

Worship, Prayer and Fellowship

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

At our 10.30am Family Communion – 19th May 2024 – Day of Pentecost

Readings Acts 2: 1-21; Romans 8: 22-27; John 15: 26-27; 16:4b-15

Hymns

115	Eternal ruler of the ceaseless round
90	Come down O love divine
464	Take my life
494	The spirit lives to set us free

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*