

# NEWS LETTER

## of St. Mary Bromley

18 March 2021

*Jesus said 'Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit'.*

*John 12.24*



Next Tuesday is being observed as a national day to remember the people who have died in the last twelve months. You may like to join us at one of the events at St. Mary's:

Noon in church and Live Streamed on Facebook for a minutes silence followed by brief prayers

8.00 pm in front of the church porch and Live Streamed on Facebook to light candles and share in reflections and prayers

We will also have a board in church this Sunday on which to put names of people to be remembered

### Online worship – The Next Step

There have been many ways that St. Mary's has produced online worship over the last year and it has been gratifying to know that this has been appreciated. In recent months a couple of cameras have been installed in the church and a facility to provide better sound. From this Sunday we will start to use this new equipment. In the next few weeks we will also explore onscreen words for the service. We will continue to not show the congregation in the nave and receiving communion. Alan and Gill will be grateful for comments but as much as a lot of testing has gone into getting us this far there may still be teething problems. Please be kind to us!

### Fun and Fundraising

We have recently had a Murder Mystery evening and a Quiz evening. These were both to enjoy a social time and to raise some money. We would love to hear from people with ideas for further events and to take part in laying them on. Please contact us with ideas and offers of help.

### Stewardship

Our current Covid situation has bought challenges and fresh patterns of doing things. Some of these are financial and the Stewardship event that we had in mind for last year did not take place. We wish the congregation to know about our present financial situation and have written to our regular members with information and ask for a reply. These will arrive in the next few days. We will be grateful if you give these your caring attention.

### Annual Parochial Church Meeting

This will take place on the morning of Sunday 25 April. This is an opportunity to hear about the life of our church and for people to be chosen to be Church Wardens and to serve on the PCC. These are important roles to enable us to share the responsibilities of our church life. Please think about offering yourself and do ask Alan or members of the current PCC about what is involved.

### Zoom over to Sunday Clubs!



Sunday 21st March at 3 p.m.

Please email [admin@stmarys-bromley.org.uk](mailto:admin@stmarys-bromley.org.uk) for the Zoom joining details, giving your first name and surname, by Friday 19th February.

### The Real Easter Egg



These are now available to order. They will not be available in supermarkets this year. The eggs are Fairtrade, plastic free packaging, palm olive free and include an Easter story activity book. Available in milk chocolate £4.50 and dark chocolate £5.50. Other options may be available. Eggs can also be sponsored through a food bank donation scheme, see [www.realeasteregg.co.uk](http://www.realeasteregg.co.uk) for further details.

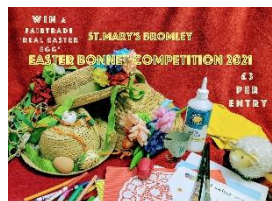
Please order in good time from Anne Yolland 07929 756 295.

## Regular Activities

**Zoom Grace Cafe** - Come and join in the Grace Cafe on Zoom each Monday morning between 11am - 12pm. Bring your cuppa and cake! Use St. Mary's General Zoom Login at the end of the Newsletter.

**Lent Lunches** - Lent lunch of bread and soup on Fridays on Zoom 12.30pm. Please make a donation via St Mary's to our local Foodbank. Use St. Mary's General Zoom Login.

## Easter Bonnet Competition



Feeling creative? This year we're holding a virtual Easter bonnet competition! £3 per entry, take a photo of your creation and submit either through Facebook messaging or email to [admin@stmarys-bromley.org.uk](mailto:admin@stmarys-bromley.org.uk). Get your entry in by 1st April and winners will be announced on Saturday 3rd April. Do let us know if you have special dietary requirements, a 'real Easter egg' or suitable dietary alternative could be yours! No age limits apply! Payment can be made via our website <https://www.stmarys-bromley.org.uk/giving/> or in cash to Maria Staines (please Facebook message for contact details)

## Entering the church

If you really have to enter the church other than for a service, even if alone, please still wear a mask, gel your hands and sign in. If you do have an infection and do not know it can still be spread without precautions being taken.

## Prayer

We are pleased to hear that Gary Hughes is now out of hospital after many months and having received surgery. We will continue to pray for his recuperation, as we do with other people.

### Prayer for the week

Gracious Father,  
you gave up your Son  
out of love for the world:  
lead us to ponder the mysteries  
of his passion,  
that we may know eternal peace  
through the shedding of  
our Saviour's blood,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Requests for prayer

May Arno	Julian Henwood
friend of Merle Jones	Gary Hughes
Margaret Beale	Gemma Johnson
Pat Coomber	relative of Anthia Page
Michael Cubberley	Debbie Kilby
Denis Dodds	Keith & Beryl Nye
John Edmonds	Abigale Obasola
Geoffrey and Shelagh	Simon Oberman
Frankham	friend of Luci Nye-Jones
Martin Goodhall	Clem Sutton
Richard Handforth	Eileen White
Peter Henwood	

## Using Zoom and Facebook etc.

There is video conferencing with Zoom, Facebook as a means of sharing information. If you would like some help in using it we will be only too happy to help.

## 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.

The readings will be: Jeremiah 31.31-34, Hebrews 5.5-10 and John 12.20-33

The liturgy for Sunday is here: <https://www.stmarys-bromley.org.uk/lockdown/st-marys-worship>

At 12.15pm after the Sunday service there will be Zoom Coffee Time to which everyone is invited. Please use the St. Mary's General Zoom Login below.

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.

## St. Mary's General Zoom Login

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9846928301?pwd=RzJlZ2hkNlRlVU04Zb3JlQ0Q2pU0Q0xOUT09>

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