

NEWS LETTER

of St. Mary Bromley

18th January 2024

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

1 Corinthians 13.1

This is one of the most well-known passages of Scripture, and it pulls no punches, it introduces a moving and authoritative account of genuine love. Basically, Paul tells the Corinthians the facts of faithfully lived and Christian life, founded and built on love. What matters is not who or what you are, how gifted you are or what you can do, because God is love and calls us to love in the same way, as Jesus loved us, so we are called to love God and one another unconditionally, as God does. If we do not love, like the gong or the cymbal we are of no use at all, merely irritating.

Sunday Club



All children and parents are welcome to join us for the Sunday Club session on Sunday 21st January. We start in church at 10.30 a.m.

Grace Café – Change of Venue



Please note that Grace Café will move to the Warwick Hall in Church House from next week, Wednesday 24th January, until the weather warms up.

Evening Study Group – Tuesday 23rd January, 8pm



The next meeting of the Evening Study Group will be held via Zoom at 8pm on Tuesday 23 January to study the readings for Sunday 28 January. For log in details and other information please contact Peter Boyden.

United Service for the week of prayer for Christian unity – St John's - Sunday 21st January, 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

A Service of Prayer for Christian Unity. Live at St John's. All welcome.

A Day of Pottery, Reflection and Practice - Saturday 24th February 9.30am until 3.30pm

A clay-based encounter day that includes Bible reflections, demonstration, opportunities for hands – on activity, laughter and times for silent reflection. We may be handling clay, so please wear something you don't mind getting a bit dirty and bring an apron (the clay washes off). Please bring your own lunch – drinks provided. Suggested donation to cover expenses £8.00 Some of Gordon's pottery will be available for sale. To book please email the Parish Administrator Atlanta Topham admin@stmarys-bromley.org.uk please put Shaped with Love in the Potters Hands as the subject.

Questions for Alan



Please think if there are things that you have relied upon for Alan to know. If you need such information please contact him before the 21st of January and make sure it does not go with him!

Contacting Alan by email

People have recently been finding contacting Alan with his Tiscali email address has been unreliable. You are welcome to use this alternative alankeeler58@gmail.com. Once Alan and Gill have moved from the vicarage the Tiscali email address will no longer exist.

Lent 2024

Just to remind us all that Easter is early this year, and that Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 14th February (also Valentine's Day!). We will have a service of Holy Communion at 8pm with Imposition of Ashes. During Lent we will have a Lent Group in person on Thursdays in the Buchan Hall, at 10am and again at 8pm each week, from Thursday 15th February to Thursday 21st March. Easter Sunday is 31st March.

Churches Together in Central Bromley Lent Course - 20th February -26th March

Looking ahead slightly, I am happy to confirm that the **CTCB Lent Course for 2024** will run on Tuesdays at 8pm from 20th February to 26th March inclusive at St Peter & St Paul's Church. The course will consist of six sessions and will be based on **Paul's letter to the Romans**. Usually run by Rev'd Andrew McClellan from St John the Evangelist more information coming soon in Church.

Refreshments Rota



Many thanks to all who willingly and regularly serve refreshments on a Sunday morning after the service. If you would like to volunteer to help, please have a word with Anne Yolland.

Prayer

A Prayer for the week

God of all mercy,
your Son proclaimed good news to the
poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord. Amen

Requests for Prayer

Weekly

Julian, Geoffrey and
Philip Dodds,
Denis' sons
Daisy Batt
Friend of Alison Tyler

Monthly Week 3

Julian and Kerrie Henwood
Gary Hughes
Gemma Johnson
relative of Anthia Page
Geoff Lloyd

Worship, Prayer and Fellowship

Our service on Sundays are Live Streamed. See <https://www.facebook.com/stmarysbromley/>
At our 10.30am Family Communion on 21st January 2024

Readings Genesis 1.26-31
 1 Corinthians 13.1-13
 John 15.12-17

Hymns sheet Let us build a house
 363 O God beyond all praising
 406 One shall tell another
 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