

As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

Mark 6.34

This is the focus and cornerstone of Jesus's ministry, he had compassion on those who had no one to care for them and show them the things they needed to know, and he so taught 'many things' all because he had compassion. The medieval mystic Julian of Norwich explains Jesus actions like this , 'love was his meaning'. God is love and this love is shown to us in Jesus.

Sunday Club End of Term Breakfast – Sunday 21st July, 10.30am



All children and their parents are invited to the Sunday Club End of Term Breakfast on Sunday 21st July. Please meet at 10.30 a.m. in the Church Garden, or in Church House, if wet, for pastries, croissants, cereal bars, fresh fruit and fruit juice. We will endeavour to cater for those with an allergy to gluten and dairy products.

Rosemary Cubberley's Funeral – Thursday 18th July, 11.00am

Hither Green, Crematorium, Verdant Lane.

Rosemary Cubberley's Memorial Service -Friday 2nd August, 10.00am

St Mary's Church, College Road. Followed by refreshments.

Ian Allured

Ian Allured was a member of St Mary's choir from the late 1950's to the early 1970's and lived in Morgan Road with his mother. He met Lorna Tidman at the church when the Tidman family living in Palace View, were members. Lorna and Ian were married at St Mary's on the 1st January 1972 and they lived most of their married life near Petersfield, Hants.

Ian developed Alzheimer's about 10 years ago and at the beginning of this year, he went into a local Care Home. Ian died yesterday evening (15th July) of a suspected heart attack due to his illness. Ian and Lorna have two children, Rachael and Ben with their own families.

August Hymn Choice Time



When we try and use hymns in our worship that we have chosen from amongst our own favourites. Please tell Atlanta, Alison or one of the church wardens or Sign up on the list at the back of church your name, your choice of hymn, where we can find it and why you like it.

Intercessions

In future as part of our safeguarding practice we will only use first names on the prayer list and on the Newsletter as a way of keeping unnecessary spread of information to a minimum

Mothers' Union Annual Church Porch Coffee Morning -Wednesday 7th August, 10am – 12pm



Mothers' Union Annual Church Porch coffee morning will be held on Wednesday 7th August 2024, 10am – 12pm when we will be raising funds for the Summer of Hope. Literacy and numeracy are vital life-skills for all of us. In the Democratic Republic of Congo our support is already empowering women to release themselves from the cycle of poverty. Funds are now urgently needed to reach more women, families, and communities, and share these crucial skills more widely.

Ride and Stride – Saturday 14th 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 for visitors? Can you provide sponsorship? Please let Chris Soper know and add the date to your diary.

Churchyard Gardening – First Saturday of the month



We will be holding gardening mornings on the first Saturday of the month if fine and Church cleaning indoors if wet. The next date is the 3rd August. We have a lovely church yard so please do join us to help keep it up. Tea and biscuits - maybe Cake - to follow.

Pastoral Team News

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.

Update on the vacancy

Interviews will take place on 6th August.

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.

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 Church.

Prayer

A Prayer for the week

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Requests for

Prayer

Weekly

Friends and family of
Rosemary
Merle
Olive
Nigel Lisa M brother
Richard
Barbara B cousin

Monthly Week 3

Julian and Kerrie
Gary
Gemma
relative of Anthia P
Geoff

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 All Age Communion – 21st July 2024 – 8th Sunday after Trinity

Readings 2 Samuel 7.1-14a; Ephesians 2.11-22; Mark 6.30-34,53-56

Hymns 15 All my hope on God is founded

428 Purify my heart

464 Take my life

467 Tell out my soul

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*