

## of St. Mary Bromley

*Jesus put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away'*

*Matthew 13.24,25*



Jesus is adamant that the ways of God begin with good things despite there being so much that falls short. He knows that God is at work to respect the creation he has made and also rescue it from the bad things that take place. In the full reading we will hear on Sunday the disciples wrestle with what this means. We are invited to join them to learn from Jesus to find wisdom and hope in our lives.

### Sunday Club



We're on Summer holiday until September.

Please make use of the toys, books, story bags and activity sheets.

### Mothers' Union Coffee Morning



This will be held on 10th August 2023 in the Church Porch and, weather permitting, outside area. All proceeds to go to Mothers' Union Summer of Hope Appeal. We would be grateful of any offers of cakes or help please. Margaret's contact details: 0208 851 5180; 07711654647; [margaret.eames4@gmail.com](mailto:margaret.eames4@gmail.com) or Mary 0208 464 1239; [mary@fallfamily.co.uk](mailto:mary@fallfamily.co.uk).

**All visitors very welcome to come and join us.**

### August Hymns



During August the hymns are chosen by the congregation. There are forms available for you to nominate a hymn to be included. We also ask for a few words about why it is important to you. It is always lovely to hear the story behind a choice.

### 160 in September

We are arranging our celebrations that will be held between 6 to 17 September. There will be two further planning meetings by Zoom. One for the meal after the morning service on the 10 September. This will be at 9.30am on 3 August. The other is a further planning meeting at 7.30pm on 9 August.

If you have suggestions please speak with Alan or email him at [agkeeler@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:agkeeler@tiscali.co.uk)

### Ride and Stride



St Mary's plans to take part for the second year in Ride and Stride on Saturday 9th September. As a Friend of Kent Churches half of all monies raised will benefit our church and the other half will help historic Kent Churches. Please consider joining in this year through church visiting or sponsoring the 'Ride and Striders'. Details to follow or speak to Chris or John Beale .

### Summer Art



Bromley Art Society have an exhibition in the Glades from Tuesday 11th July - Sunday 20th August. Located on the first floor next to the NHS Hub. All works for sale.

Further information [www.bromleyartsociety.org.uk](http://www.bromleyartsociety.org.uk) or see flyer at back of church.

## Murals Fundraising

A generous member of the congregation has made us an extraordinary offer. Whatever is raised between 1<sup>st</sup> June and 31<sup>st</sup> December they will match, up to a limit of £10,000. This presents us with an opportunity to try to raise most of the required funds by the end of the year. Please consider how you might be able to meet this challenge. Please contact Alan Keeler or John Beale if you want to know more.

## Table Top Sale



Looking ahead to November 4th, plans are afoot to raise funds towards the Church Mural restoration. If you are interested or know of anyone that would like to hire a table for the afternoon please save the date. Enquiries to Carole Beale at [carole.beale@yahoo.com](mailto:carole.beale@yahoo.com)

## Grace Café



We meet in the church building between 10am to 12noon for coffee, cake and fellowship. You will be most welcome to join the volunteers who host the Grace Cafe on Wednesdays. There is a sign up sheet in the church if you would like to help run the café.

## Memorial Book

There is a memorial book at St. Mary's in which may be inscribed names of people associated with this place. If you would like to know more details please contact Alan or Jean Read on 020 8402 0886.

## Prayer

### A Prayer for the week

Generous God,  
you give us gifts and make them grow:  
though our faith is small as mustard seed,  
make it grow to your glory  
and the flourishing of your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Requests for prayer

#### Weekly

David Collins  
Eileen White's brother  
Geoff Lloyd

#### Monthly Week 3

Julian and Kerrie Henwood  
Gary Hughes  
Gemma Johnson  
relative of Anthia Page  
Toni Ruston  
friend of Suzanne Spooner

## Worship, Prayer and Fellowship

Our service on Sunday will be Live Streamed. See <https://www.facebook.com/stmarysbromley/>

At our 10.30am Family Communion this Sunday:

Reading	Isaiah 44.6-8, Romans 8.12.25, Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43
Hymns	169 God is love his the care
	83 Christ's is the world
	281 Jesus took a piece of bread
	270 Jesus is Lord

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

Since Easter the practice of distributing Holy Communion has changed. For details see here: <https://www.stmarys-bromley.org.uk/worship/distribution-of-holy-communion/>

*Please can contributions for the Newsletter be given to Alan Keeler by noon on Wednesdays.*