

NEWS LETTER

of St. Mary Bromley

19th December 2024

“the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour……”

Luke 2

‘Do not be afraid’ is a frequent refrain in Scripture, nearly every appearance of angels or vision of God comes with the encouragement ‘do not be afraid’, especially in the Hebrew bible. Because God is so holy, so awesome, and so just different and powerful, that fear is the only possible response.

The birth of Jesus marks a real change in outlook, it is ‘good news of great joy’ because it is the reality God’s love for us, born as a human child, for us all to see, and not at all fearful but joyful.

Sunday Club Nativity - Sunday 22nd December, 10.30am



Please join us for the Sunday Club 'Not a very silent night' pop-up Nativity Service at 10.30 a.m. on Sunday 22nd December. Come in your own costumes as Mary, Joseph, angels, shepherds, or wise men. Children's costumes will be available on the day.

A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols – Sunday 22nd December, 6.30pm



Our choir accompanies our journey through familiar passages that herald Jesus’ birth and the wonder of his presence with us now.

Christmas window decorating - Monday 23rd December, 10.00am - 12 noon



The St Mary’s flower arranging team would like to invite others to help with decorating the church for Christmas and in particular if anyone would like to decorate a windowsill, following on from the lovely Easter and Harvest window displays. The church will be decorated on Monday 23rd December between 10.00 am – 12 noon. Jean, Vicki & Anne will be very pleased if others would like to be involved and join them in getting the church suitably decorated for this special festival. An arrangement could simply be some foliage, with a few berries, pinecones and some Christmas baubles. Mike will put some lovely candles adjacent to the window displays. Please let Anne Yolland know if you are interested in helping with this. Festive refreshments will be on offer. Donations towards the cost of the flowers at Christmas are always very much appreciated.

Crib Service: Tuesday - 24th December, 4 pm



Come and join us on Christmas Eve and help us to put the nativity figures in the crib.

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Day off: Fridays

In case of emergency on Fridays, please contact Rev’d Alison or the Church Wardens Maria or Clem.

Food Bank



Please remember that Bromley Food Bank and the Starter Packs Project at Sts Peter and Paul (the Parish Church) are always in need of supplies.

Christmas Post

Don't forget the post pigeonholes are open and ready in Church, post early and spread good wishes.

Pastoral Team

The Pastoral Team is not meeting again until 7th January but if you have pastoral concerns, please phone or email one of us for support

Evening Study Group



Evening Study Group will reconvene on the 7th January 2024.

A Message from our Treasurer



As you may remember, our Church's financial year ends on 31st December, and as a charity of a certain size, we have to include all transactions relating to 2024 in our annual accounts, even if, in fact, they fall outside the year. It would make life simpler for me (& Atlanta) if things like outstanding expense claims, rent payments, & all those generous donations you are about to make (eg gifts to Poverty & Hope), were processed as soon as possible, in time to appear on the December bank statements. Many thanks - and thanks for all your generosity this year. Jill Atkinson.

PCC Meeting - January 2025

If you have items for the January PCC Agenda, please tell the Vicar or one of the Church wardens.

Prayer

A Prayer for the week

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this
present age
to see, with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Requests for Prayer Weekly

Olive
Richard
(Barbara B cousin)
Andrew
Carolyn
(friend of Alison)
Patricia
Debi and her family
Bridget
(friend of Lynda)
Tony
John S
John E
Lucy N

Monthly Week 4

Toni
(friend of Suzanne)
Keith and Beryl
Eileen W



If you have a need for prayer for 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 Nativity Service – 22nd December

Reading	Luke 2: 4-20.	
Carol Sheet	9	Away in a Manger
	5	O Little Town of Bethlehem
	7	O Come All Ye Faithful verses 1-4

At our 6.30 pm Service of 9 lessons and Carols – 22nd December

See Separate Paperwork for Carols and Readings

At our 4.00pm Crib Service – 24th December 2024

Reading	Luke 2: 1-8; Matthew 2.1-3, 9-11	
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Carols	6	Silent Night
	27	Little Donkey
	25	We Three Kings

11pm Carols followed by 11.30 Midnight Communion – 24th December

Readings Set 1	Isaiah 9:2-7; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14	
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using the music for Christmas communion on the back of the Carol booklet

Carols	253	It came upon the Midnight clear
	554	While shepherds watched
	2	A great and mighty wonder
	357	O come all ye faithful

At our 10.30 Christmas Day All Age Communion Service – 25th December

Readings Set 2	Titus 3: 4-7; Luke 2 :8-20	
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Carols	377	O little town of Bethlehem
	481	The Holly and the ivy
	440	See him lying
	199	Hark the herald angels

Hymns and Readings Rota

Please give your availability to Atlanta for reading and leading Intercessions, so we can fill in the Rota with confidence.

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 by Tuesday evening.