

NEWS LETTER

of St. Mary Bromley

19th September 2024

**Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you**

From Sunday's Collect words by St Augustine

We are almost perpetually unsatisfied and emotionally homeless and rootless, which is why we are so easily distracted and prone to bad habits and unhealthy living. Finding how much we need to know God is at first terrifying, and then blindingly obvious and almost comforting. Then there is peace and rest in the knowledge, and in learning more and more how much God loves us. If we never remember anything else try and remember how much we are loved.



We give thanks O God that you have called
Rev'd Eucharua Asiegbu to come among
us as our parish priest.

We ask your blessing on her and her family,
as they begin a new life with us.

We ask you to bless all the work and worship we will do together, inspire us by your holy Spirit,
and give to all of us the grace and strength we will need going forward,
that we might do your will, follow your call and have fun working and growing together. We ask
this in the name of Jesus our brother. **Amen**

Sunday Club



Weather permitting, we will have Garden Church on Sunday. All children and parents are welcome. We start in church at 10.30 a.m.

Evening Study Group – Tuesday 24th September, 8pm



Evening Study Groups meets via Zoom at 8pm on Tuesday 24th September to study the readings for Sunday 29th September: Genesis 28: 10-17; Revelation 12: 7-12 and John 1: 47-end. For login details and other information please contact Peter Boyden.

The 1st of October meeting will be a face-to-face gathering, venue to be determined.

Harvest Festival – Sunday 13th October, 10.30am

Bromley Food Bank and Starter packs both need our help. Our Harvest gifts will go to the food bank or to the Starter Packs project at Sts Peter and Paul (the Parish Church). The Food Bank currently needs:

- Tinned meat (hot or cold)
- Coffee
- Jam,
- UHT milk,
- shaving gel and razors, as well as other toiletries

All Souls Service – Sunday 3rd November, 3.30pm

Reminder

The new worship Rota is being made as we read this, so, if you have not already done so, please let Atlanta know when you are away or not available.

Creation Season



from 1st September until 6th October St Francis followed on 13th October by **Harvest Festival**.

It's an important opportunity to consider the needs of others, the needs of the planet, how to live simply and to be satisfied with enough. We can support projects that help renew and restore the earth or the lives of our sisters and brothers locally (see below) or globally.

Christmas Fair - Saturday 30th November

For the Christmas Fair please collect jam jars with lids, if possible, for those of us who make Jam marmalade or Chutney to use for the Christmas fair. There is a large cardboard box to collect them in at the back of the Church. If you would like to be part of the planning, there is a sign-up sheet at the back of the Church.

Parish Magazine

The deadline for articles for our next Parish Magazine is Friday 20th September 2024.

Cream Tea



A big thank you to everyone who was involved and to those who came and supported this event on 7 September and gave donations for church funds to the sum of £349 + Gift Aid. Special mention goes to the support team who worked so hard during the afternoon to serve over 40 attendees with cream and savoury teas. Anne Yolland

Swim Serpentine



A quick update from Emily Yolland on the 1-mile Serpentine Lake swim on Saturday 14 September in Hyde Park. The swim was completed in 00.45.44 minutes.

To date £1,311 (+gift aid) has been raised for Bromley Little Theatre across both 1-mile swims. A big thank you for all the support and generous donations received. A more in-depth account of the Serpentine swim will be in the October magazine.

Grace Café



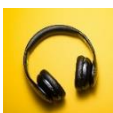
You are most welcome to join us between 10am to 12noon on Wednesdays.

Refreshments Rota



Many thanks to all who willingly and regularly serve refreshments on a Sunday morning after the service.

Live Streaming



"Worship at St Mary's is live streamed and can be watched via Facebook. This is much appreciated by those who cannot be at the services, and we would like to continue to offer this to our fellow members of our congregation. If you would like to help us with this, please contact Trine, Sally, Alison or Paddy."

Prayer

Gracious God,
you call us to fullness of life:
deliver us from unbelief
and banish our anxieties
with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our
Lord. **Amen**

Requests for Prayer

Weekly

Olive
Richard
(Barbara B cousin)
Andrew
Charlotte and
Carolyn
(friends of Alison)
Anthia
Patricia
Kelly
(friend of Carole)

Monthly Week 4

Toni Ruston
friend of Suzanne Spooner
Keith and Beryl Nye
Eileen White



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 All Age Communion – 22nd September 2024 - 17th Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Proverbs 31:10-end; James 3:13-4-3, 7-8a; Mark 9 :30-36

Hymns: 378 O lord all the world belongs to you
289 Kumbaya
548 When I needed a neighbour
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*