

# NEWS LETTER

## of St. Mary Bromley

1<sup>st</sup> August 2024

**“I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace”**

*Ephesians 4:1*

Paul describes himself as a prisoner, one who has been caught by the Lord, one who has responded to God's call. As last week so today, he wants the best for the Ephesians so they too might be so caught in love for God as to be truly united in their love for one another. That their community might be united bound by the Spirit together in peace and peace making.

### SUMMER BREAK NEWS

#### Sunday Club

We're having a summer break. Please make use of the toys, books, pens and paper in the Family Zone.

#### Evening Study Group

Evening Study Group will be having a break during August, with the next meeting on Tuesday 3 September 2024. Any enquiries to Peter Boyden.

#### Pastoral Team

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.

#### Grace Café

The 30th July will be the last Grace Cafe this summer. It will resume in September.

#### Ian Allured



Ian Allured's funeral will take place on Thursday 29th August 2024 at 2.00pm in St Andrew's Church, Corhampton SO32 3NE.

#### Churchyard Gardening – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August



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 3<sup>rd</sup> August. We have a lovely church yard so please do join us to help keep it up. Tea and biscuits - maybe Cake - to follow.

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



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 14<sup>th</sup> 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...Can you provide sponsorship? This event will be combined with **London Open House** at the same time. Please let Chris Soper know and add the date to your diary.

## 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 the Church.

## Thank you!



We would like to give thanks for the wonderful gift of a rose bush on the occasion of our 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and for all the warm wishes of congratulations received, we feel very blessed. Thank you so much to all our friends at St Mary's. Anne & Peter Yolland

## Parish Magazine

The next issue of Parish Magazine will be the September edition. If you are starting up any new project or restarting meetings or classes and would like to advertise, please let the editors have any information by 18 August. Email to [joc1947@msn.com](mailto:joc1947@msn.com) or leave info at back of Church. Any other contributions would be most welcome. Jo Clark.

## 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

### A Prayer for the week

Lord of heaven and earth,  
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,  
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,  
but always to bring our prayers before you;  
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)  
Andrew N

#### Monthly Week 1

Roger and Grace Charsley  
(Sarah E parents)  
Daisy Batt  
(Friend of Alison T)  
David Collins  
(Eileen W brother)  
John Cox

## 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

## 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](mailto:anthiapage@gmail.com).

## Worship, Prayer and Fellowship

Our service on Sundays are Live Streamed. See <https://www.facebook.com/stmarysbromley/>

**At our 10.30am Family Communion – 4<sup>th</sup> August 2024 - 10th Sunday after Trinity**

**Readings** Samuel 11: 26-12.13a; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6: 24-35

<b>Hymns</b>	Sheet	Here is love vast as the ocean (a Welsh revival hymn)	Alison Tyler
	563	Ye choirs of new Jerusalem	Peter Boyden
	372	O Jesus I have promised	Mike Eames
	30	And can it be	Peter Boyden and unknown

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](mailto:admin@stmarys-bromley.org.uk)*