

NEWS LETTER

of St. Mary Bromley

1st May 2025

“Feed my sheep.”

(John 21:17)

The risen Christ restores Peter and calls him to a life of love and service. It's a reminder that even after failure, Jesus offers us a second chance with grace, purpose, and the invitation to follow Him anew: always with love at the centre.

Church Cleaning/ Churchyard Gardening - Saturday 3rd May, 10.00am



Please come to help keep our church clean and to tidy up the churchyard. Hot drinks and cake will be available.

Sunday Club



All children and parents are welcome to join us for the Sunday Club session on Sunday 4th May. We start in church at 10.30 a.m.

Evening Study Group – Tuesday 6th May



Evening Study Group meets next on Tuesday 6 May, face to face, to consider themes for future studies. Further details from Peter Boyden.

VE80 Save the Date



Thursday 8th May marks the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe, we will be ringing our church bell at 6.30 pm, as will other churches across the country, with a service at 7 pm, followed by light refreshments. Saturday, 10th May, we are getting the bunting out and having a picnic in the church yard, weather permitting, or in church. Please bring your own picnic food. Cakes and hot drinks available in church. Do dress up in 1940's style if you can. During the afternoon we will be having a sing song from the 1940's era and hopefully some nostalgic games for children. There will be war time memorabilia on display in church, if you have anything you would like to share, or could help to organise displays on Wednesday 7th May during Grace Café or help generally on Saturday 10th May, please speak to Maria or Anne Y for further details.

Christian Aid Week – 11th May – 17th May



Christian Aid Week 2025 runs from 11 to 17 May and envelopes for contributions to this worthwhile charity, long supported by St Mary's, will be available in church on Sunday mornings and at Grace Cafe between 7 and 21 May inclusive. Please ensure that all contributions are returned, ideally directly to Peter Boyden, no later than Sunday 1 June.

In addition to the church-based collection Frances and Peter will be participating in Freedom Walk London on the afternoon of Saturday 10 May which marks 80 years of CAW by calling out global property, injustice and climate change. They would welcome sponsorship for this five mile walk from St Martin-in-the Fields to St Paul's Cathedral via twelve central London churches, and a sign up sheet will be available on the table at the back of church until Wednesday 7 May.

Plant Sale - Saturday May 17th in Church House from 10.00 to 12 noon



With Raffle and Refreshments. Entrance 50p

Now is the time to think about digging up/splitting perennial plants. And save any extra seedlings for the sale. It is helpful if plant contributions can be labelled. All proceeds will go to the Mothers' Union Literacy project. Contact Mary Fall 07801271202

APCM 18th May 2025

All are invited to the St Mary's Annual Parochial Church meeting on Sunday 18th May, straight after service.

Deanery Confirmation Service – 7th September



There will be a deanery confirmation service on 7th September 2025. During this service, adults who wish to be baptised if they haven't been before will also be baptised and confirmed. Please let Atlanta or the vicar know if you will like to be confirmed. Admin@stmarys-bromley.org.uk.

Easter Flowers



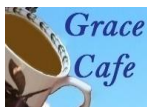
How beautiful our church looked for Easter, many thanks to everyone who was involved with this. Also, grateful thanks to those who so generously donated towards the church flower fund.

If you would like to sponsor a flower in memory of your loved one or for a thanksgiving, please contact Anne Yolland.

Newsletter and Magazine

If you have items to be published, please send your items for the newsletter to Atlanta and Lisa; and for the May Parish magazine to Atlanta and Jill.

Grace Café



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

Prayer

A Prayer for the week

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness and
fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

Requests for Prayer Weekly

John C
Olive
Richard
(Barbara B cousin)
Andrew
Patricia
Stuart
(Sylvia's family
member)
Pam
Pat
The family and friends
of Grace
Chris S

Monthly Week 1

Daisy
(friend of Alison)
David
(Eileen's brother)



We pray for May's family as they plant a rose bush in the Memorial Garden on Sunday, 04/05/24 in memory of her father, Alexander Seitanidis, who died in August 2024. May his soul continue to rest in peace. Amen. 🙏

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 – Family Communion – Sunday 4th May 2025 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

Readings Acts 9.1-6; Revelation 5.11-14; John 21.1-19

Hymns

- 393: O worship the king
- 81: Christ triumphant, ever reigning
- 335: Meekness and Majesty
- 161: Glory to God, Glory to God.