

NEWS LETTER

2 August 2023

of St. Mary Bromley

And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Matthew 14.20,21



It is a feature of Jesus' ministry that he drew crowds. He famously fed about five thousand. Matthew gives further details that those were just the men and there were also women and children too! I like to reflect on the magnetism of Jesus' character. He could arouse such interest and commitment. Not only that but they did not meet in a comfy building but out in the countryside.

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 or Mary 0208 464 1239; mary@fallfamily.co.uk.

All visitors very welcome to come and join us.

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 now be at 11.30am on 7 August. The other is a further general planning meeting at 7.30pm on 9 August. You are welcome to join these meeting they will be by Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9846928301?pwd=RzJlZ2hkNlRVU04zb3JlQ2pUQ0xOUT09>

Meeting ID: 984 692 8301 Passcode: supper

Ride and Stride



Sponsorship forms are now available for Ride and Stride on Saturday 9th September. If you plan to join in by visiting churches or by sponsoring a 'Ride and Strider' please take a form or speak to Chris Soper for more information. We also need volunteers to welcome visitors to St Mary's and offer refreshments on the day.

Please consider giving some time that Saturday and perhaps even find sponsorship to support your welcoming role. All monies raised will go to St Mary's and Kent Churches on a 50/50 basis. Thank you.

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 or see flyer at back of church.

Murals Fundraising Update – Good news continues.

We have recently heard that a recommendation has been made to the Church Buildings Council to grant us £5,000. Another £5,000 bid has also been submitted to the William and Jane Morris Fund. A further £5,000 is expected soon from a bequest. Members of the congregation have also been generously donating. They have contributed nearly £2,500 since the first of June. We would hope to raise as much as possible before the end of December both to benefit from the 'match funding' offer and permit work to start before prices increase further. Please consider how you might be able to help.

Contact Alan Keeler or John Beale if you want to know more.

Boiler Update

An engineer attended in July and carried out a pressure test on the boiler. This revealed a leak which was rectified with some new components. There is further work to be carried out on a header tank along with flushing out the radiators. We hope this will make the system fully operational come colder weather.

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

Grace Café



We have broken up for August and will recommence on the 6 September.

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.

Prayer

We have been sorry to hear of the death of Peter Smith a friend of Trine Hevezi and Martin Cardwell who died today. Please remember his widow Penny and his family in your prayers.

A Prayer for the week

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Requests for prayer

Weekly

David Collins
Eileen White's brother
Geoff Lloyd
Penny Smith
Trine Hevezi and Martin
Cardwell's friend

Monthly Week 1

Roger and Grace Charsley
Sarah Evans' parents
John Cox
Julian Dodds

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 55.1-5, Romans 9.1-5, Matthew 14.13-21
Hymns	Chosen by the congregation in August
561	Will your anchor hold
53	Be still for the presence of the Lord
106	Dear Lord and Father of mankind
188	Guide me O though great redeemer

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.