

NEWS LETTER

of St. Mary Bromley

20th March 2025

“God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.”

From 1 Corinthians 10

As we travel through Lent or wilderness times of any kind, looking out as we go for temptation and testing as Jesus experienced them, we go with God’s assurance of enduring support. He will not let us be tested beyond our strength. He will show us the way out so that we can endure. There is even the Footprints poem which suggests that when we have no strength God will carry us. Besides we do not travel alone we travel together with one another, and the Holy Spirit for comfort and support.

Sunday Club



All children and parents are welcome to join us for the Sunday Club session on Sunday 23rd March. We start in church at 10.30 a.m.

Lent Study Group – Thursday 27th March, 10.30am – 12pm

Lent Course Thursday 20th March 10.30 -12.00 in The Buchan Hall. No soup this week, just tea and coffee and digestives. Look forward to seeing you there.

Lent Quiet Day – Tuesday 25th March, Feast of the Annunciation, 9.30am - 3.00pm

URGENT: We really need to know numbers for catering by Sunday.

Please sign up this week otherwise it may not go ahead.



Please come to the Lent Quiet Day taking place this coming Tuesday from 9.30 am, ending with a Communion service at 3.00 pm.

All are welcome but we need to know how many people will attend for morning, afternoon, or just for Communion, for catering purposes. Please let Eucharia, Alison or Maria know if you would like to attend, or sign up on the sheet at the back of Church.

Mothering Sunday Posy Making – Saturday 29th March 9.30am

We will be meeting on Saturday 29th March at 9.30am, in the Buchan Room to make the posies for the Mothering Sunday service on the 30th. Do come and join us to help make the posies.

Interment of Richard Handforth – Saturday 5th April 2.30pm

Sarah, Mark and Kate would like to invite you to attend the interment of Richard Handforth's ashes at St Mary's on Saturday 5th April at 2.30pm and to join them for a cup of tea afterwards.

Good Friday CTCB Walk of Witness - Friday 18th, April 11.00am

Good Friday CTCB Walk of Witness meet at SS Peter and Paul for 11.00am and process to service in High St at 11.15.

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 would like to be confirmed. Admin@stmarys-bromley.org.uk.

Electoral Roll

This year we need to compile a new electoral roll ahead of the APCM in May. Being on the electoral roll allows you to vote on church matters or stand for the PCC. [This year even those on the current roll will need to register.](https://www.stmarys-bromley.org.uk/content/pages/documents/250303-form_1_application_for_enrolment_church_electoral_roll-1.pdf) Forms are available at the back of church (on the red box) or on the website https://www.stmarys-bromley.org.uk/content/pages/documents/250303-form_1_application_for_enrolment_church_electoral_roll-1.pdf Completed forms must be received by 20th April (Easter Sunday) and returned to the red box in church. Alternatively they can be scanned and emailed to admin@stmarys-bromley.org.uk or posted to FAO Michael Clements - Parish Office, St Mary's Church House, 61 College Road, Bromley, BR1 3QG.

A Message from Bromley Borough Foodbank



On behalf of Bromley Borough Foodbank, I would like to thank everyone from St Mary's Church for donating 14.00kg of food to us in January and February. Unfortunately, more people than ever are facing hunger and hardship which is increasing the demands on food banks across the country. Your donations are therefore ever more important in enabling us to provide food parcels to many vulnerable people in our community and support those most in need. Many thanks once again to you all for showing such kindness and generosity, and for your continuing support.

Easter Eggs



The new 2025 edition is available, and the 'Real Easter Egg' is the only fairtrade one with the Easter story in the box. The milk chocolate and dark chocolate eggs are also plastic and palm oil free. The milk chocolate egg is available at £6.20, and the dark chocolate egg is £7. These eggs are no longer available in supermarkets. To obtain one of these eggs, please sign the sheet at the back of church or contact Anne Yolland. Please order early as supplies may be limited due to a climate-related global cocoa shortage.

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

Loving God,
you know us and our lives completely.
When we find ourselves frustrated or
disheartened,
help us to turn to you
and find strength and hope. **Amen.**

Requests for Prayer Weekly

The family and friends of
Richard H
John C
Olive
Richard
(Barbara B cousin)
Andrew
Patricia
Luci
Stuart
(Sylvia's family member)
The family and friends of
Tom
Pam
Roger and Grace
(Sarah E parents)

Monthly Week 4

Keith and Beryl
Eileen



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 23rd March – Third Sunday in Lent

Readings Isaiah 55.1-9; 1 Corinthians 10.1-13; Luke 13.1-9

Hymns 307 Just as I am
 69 Breathe on me breath of God
 337 Immortal Invisible
 457 Stand up stand up for Jesus

Hymns and Readings Rota

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

Please can contributions for the Newsletter now be given to Atlanta Topham by 5pm on a Tuesday