

NEWS LETTER

of St. Mary Bromley

21st March 2024

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it.

This is the beginning of one of the most famous images of Christ the King, not rich and powerful with a train of nobles and soldiers following behind, of weapons and jewels by the cartload, but rather an ordinary man riding on a donkey. Followed by people waving clothes or jackets and palm branches in a spontaneous popular, outpouring of joy and celebration. Not a great spectacular show but simple joy and acclaim, which will ultimately last longer in the popular mind and imagination, because it is so unusual to see an ordinary person so unexpectedly loved and welcomed. Sadly, as we know it didn't last but was instead followed by something even more amazing – the Resurrection on that first Easter morning.

Sunday Club



All children and parents are welcome to join us for the Sunday Club session on Sunday 24th March. We start in church at 10.30 a.m.

Help make a desert Easter Garden on Good Friday afternoon (29th March). Hot Cross Buns and drinks will be served from 3.00 p.m. following 'An Hour at the Cross'. On Easter Day (31st March) there will be an Easter Egg Hunt after the service.

CTCB Good Friday Service - Friday 29th March 2024

The annual churches together walk starts at Saints Peter & Paul church yard before walking down the high street near the Churchill Theatre for a joyful service celebrating our shared faith.

Do you want to be confirmed?



There is still time to attend classes and be ready for the Deanery Confirmation with Bishop Jonathon on Pentecost Sunday 19th May at St Mary's Hayes at 10.30am. Please sign up or let Alison know.

Thank you

Olive and Don Green wish to say a big thank you to members of St. Mary's for their kind wishes and the gift of a Platinum rose on the occasion of their platinum wedding anniversary.

Betty Thompson

Please continue to remember the friends and relatives of Betty Thompson as they prepare for her funeral at St Mary's on the 25th April 2024. More details to follow.

Easter Flowers – Saturday 30th March.



Our small team of flower arrangers will be decorating the Church on Easter Saturday 30th March between 10.00 am – 12 noon. We would love some extra help and if anyone feels creative and would like to get involved with decorating one of the church window sills, this would be very welcome. A family may like to decorate a windowsill or a couple of people could work together. This could be a very simple arrangement with a bunch of daffodils or tulips, twigs or greenery. Refreshments available. Please contact Anne Yolland in advance to discuss or for further information. Due to the rising costs of fresh flowers, any contributions towards the Easter flowers would be much appreciated. Thank you.

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As JusB comes to the end of its last week we ask for God's blessing on all who have been involved, as service users or staff as they go forward. We pray for the work to continue in new ways, and that God will inspire and provoke creative work with our young people in the borough, to guide them into the future.

Grace Café



Grace Cafe will be closed during Holy Week on 27th March. It will return to meeting at Church the following week following week when it reopens on 3rd April. **More volunteers are needed.**

Refreshments Rota



Many thanks to all who willingly and regularly serve refreshments on a Sunday morning after the service. If you would like to volunteer to help, please have a word with Anne Yolland.

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

True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory.

Requests for Prayer

Weekly

Lynda, Andrew, Jack and
Paul Zissell
Sylvia Passmore
Lynda Zissell’s mother
Merle Jones
Pat Coomber
Betty Thompsons
relatives

Monthly Week 4

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

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 or phone

Worship, Prayer and Fellowship

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

At our 10.30am Family Communion on 24th March 2024 - PALM SUNDAY

Readings Liturgy of the Palms Mark 11:1-11, Passion Gospel Mark 15

Hymns 435 Ride on, ride on
11 All Glory Laud an honour
322 Love is his word
235 I the Lord of sea and sky

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*

HOLY WEEK

Monday 25th March – 8.00pm

Compline Mark 14:1-9

Tuesday 26th March - 8.00pm

Compline John 12:20-36

Wednesday 27th March - 8.00pm

Compline Mark 12:41-44

Maunday Thursday Service – 28th March, 8.00pm
celebration of the Institution of the Last Supper.

Readings 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, John 13:1-17, At the end Matthew 26:36-56

Hymns 4 A new Commandment
73 Brother, Sister let me serve
72 Broken for me, broken for you
460 Strengthen for Service
154 Give thanks

Good Friday – 29th March, 2.00p.m. -3.00p.m.

An Hour at the Cross

Holy Saturday, 30th March

Flower decorating and church cleaning 10-12 noon

EASTER SUNDAY

Resurrection Day

10.30 Holy Communion

(followed by Fizz, lovely nibbles and Easter Egg Hunt)

