

NEWS LETTER

of St. Mary Bromley

23rd May 2024

The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs, heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

Romans 8: 16-17

We are the Master's children. What a privilege! Because we are God's children, we share in great treasures. God has already given us his best gifts: his Son, forgiveness, and eternal life, and he encourages us to ask him for whatever we need.

Welcome

Welcome to the wide family of the Church, Jameil Josephs and all your family and friends as you come to St Mary's for your baptism on Sunday 26th May God bless you now and every day.

Sunday Club



Weather permitting, we will have Garden Church on Sunday 26th May. All children and parents are welcome. We start in church at 10.30 a.m.

Evening Study Group – Tuesday 28th May, 8pm



Evening Study Group meets via Zoom at 8pm on Tuesday 28 May to familiarise ourselves with the readings for Sunday 2 June, Trinity Sunday - 1 Samuel 3: 1-10 (11-20), 2 Corinthians 4: 5-12, Mark 2: 23-ch. 3, v. 6. Login details and further information from Peter Boyden.

Mothers' Union



Mothers' Union would like to thank all the helpers (about 30!) who made last Saturday's Plant Sale such a success, raising over £1000 for the project **AWAY FROM IT ALL**. And, of course, thank you to all who came to buy plants and enjoy the refreshment room. This money will be used immediately to provide much appreciated holidays for families who have hit hard times and desperately need a break.

Great North Swim



Emily Yolland is once again in training to take up the challenge of swimming a mile in Windermere on 8th June. This time Emily will be raising funds for Bromley Little Theatre, who are endeavouring to raise £85,000 by the end of this year for a major re-development project. If you would like to support Emily in her efforts to raise her target of £850 please go to her fundraising page at <https://www.justgiving.com/page/emily-yolland-greatnorthswim24> or use the QR code on the poster at the back of church or speak to Anne Yolland for further details.

Thank you



Shelagh Frankham would like to thank everyone at St Mary's for the lovely card and for all the kind messages to mark her recent birthday. Shelagh sends her best wishes to all.

Churchyard Gardening



It's that time of year again and we need a couple of working groups so can you offer to help and suggest possible dates to Clem or Maria or Alison and then we can plan to have one or two working groups? Many thanks from us all.

Grace Café



You are most welcome to join us between 10am to 12noon on Wednesdays. Please join the volunteers who host the Grace Cafe on Wednesdays. There is a sign-up sheet in the church. In case you haven't done it before, you will be with someone who has, so please join them and try it out.

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

Holy God,
faithful and unchanging:
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of
your truth,
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of
your love,
that we may truly worship you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

Requests for Prayer

Weekly

Merle Jones
Rosemary Cubberley

Monthly Week 4

Toni Ruston
friend of Suzanne Spooner
Keith & 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.

Worship, Prayer and Fellowship

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

At our 10.30am Family Communion – 26th May 2024 - Trinity Sunday – with Baptism

Readings Isaiah 6:1-8; Romans 8: 12-17; John 3:1-17

Hymns 225 I bind unto myself today
 53 Be still for the presence of the Lord
 212 Holy, Holy, Holy
 235 I the Lord of sea and sky

The Order of Service: <https://www.stmarys-bromley.org.uk/lockdown/st-marys-worship>

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Atlanta's email is admin@stmarys-bromley.org.uk*