

NEWS LETTER

of St. Mary Bromley

25 October 2023



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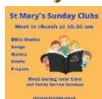
*Jesus said 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.'*

Matthew 5.7-9



This Sunday we celebrate All Saints Day at our 10.30am service. One of the great images of sainthood is the halo. But people will all too easily look for badges of sanctity to put on a show of goodness. In the Beatitudes Jesus says God is looking for mercy, purity and making peace; among many other qualities. The above image is a detail from Caravaggio's first depiction of the supper on the road to Emmaus. The shadow of the inn keeper's head is used to give Jesus a halo, and a dark one at that. We are not to seek badges of sanctity but the one who is truly holy.

Sunday Clubs



All children and parents are welcome to join us for the Sunday Clubs session on Sunday 29 October.

We start in church at 10.30 a.m.

Poverty and Hope Appeal



In October we invite our congregation to contribute to the Diocesan Poverty and Hope Appeal. There are collecting envelopes available. There is a summary in the October Magazine and more full details on the Diocesan website.

<https://www.rochester.anglican.org/everyday-faith/ourfaithinaction/poverty-and-hope-appeal/>

All Souls' Service



This will be held on Sunday 29th October at 3.30 p.m. The service will be Live Streamed. It is a service where we remember those whom we have loved but are now sadly separated from by death. If you would like to make a specific act of remembrance please bring a card with the name of the person on and if you like a flower to present. There is also a sheet to add names to in the church. To know more please speak with Alan Keeler or Anthia Page.

Deanery Confirmation

There will be a service of Confirmation at St John's Park Road Bromley on Sunday 29th October at 6.30pm. This will be conducted by Bishop Jonathan Gibbs. St. Mary's does not have any candidates to present but the congregation is welcome to attend and support local people who will be.

Mothers' Union



Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 9th November, at 10.00am in the Front Room of Church House. Our speaker, Beverley Nicklin from Bromley Trading Standards will be talking to us about Scams and Rogue Traders. All very welcome.

Church Warden's Team

This met for the first time last week and we are pleased with the way it has begun.

November Magazine

The latest edition of the parish magazine will be available in church and on the website this weekend.

Murals Fundraising Update – Good news continues.

A further £94 +gift aid has been raised for the Mural Fund from donations for books outside 104, Avondale Road. Members of the congregation continue to donate generously. We hope to raise as much as possible before the end of December to benefit from a match funding offer. Contact Alan Keeler or John Beale if you want to know more.

Free Books



There is a small book case in the church building with a wide variety of items of Christian interest. Please have a look and take what catches your fancy. If you would like some guidance Alan will be happy to make suggestions. The book case will be there until the end of October

The Meaningful Advent Calendars



These will be available to order again this year. Please sign the form at the back of church or contact Anne Yolland on anne.yolland@outlook.com Each calendar comes with a free Christmas Story book. Cost: £4.50. These advent calendars are not available in supermarkets. Please place an order by the 19th November.

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.

Grace Café



We meet in the church building on Wednesdays between 10am to 12noon 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.

Nature's Palette Flower show – Saturday 28th October, 1.30pm - 4.30pm



Bromley Flower Club are holding their annual show in the United Reformed Church, Widmore Road, Bromley. In addition to the beautiful exhibits, there will be various stalls, a raffle, bottle stall and more. The Tea room will be open from 2 pm. Admission £2.00. All welcome.

Table Top Sale – 2pm to 4pm Saturday 4th November



A plea for help:

- 1) to get tables in place at 12pm
- 2) Offers of donations of cakes to sell in the refreshment area
- 3) Lots of people to come and buy the bargains available.

Please invite all your friends

Jigsaw Sale – 10.00am to noon on Saturday 18th November, in the church porch



With refreshments in the back of church and paperback books outside of the porch All proceeds to the mural fund. Mary already has many jigsaws; more will be welcomed.

Thanks for your interest. Mary Fall (020 8464 1239) mary@fallfamily.co.uk

Prayer

A Prayer for the week

God of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Requests for prayer

Weekly

Daisy Batt
Friend of Alison Tyler
David Collins
Eileen White's brother
Geoff Lloyd

Monthly Week 4

Toni Ruston
friend of Suzanne Spooner
Betty Thompson
Keith & Beryl Nye
Eileen White

Worship, Prayer and Fellowship



Looking ahead there will be Candlelit Compline in Advent on Saturdays 2, 9, 16, 23 December at 6pm

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

At our 10.30am Family Communion on 29th October:

Reading	Revelation 7.9-17, 1 John 3.1-3, Matthew 5.1-12
Hymns	134 For all the saints (omit verses 6 & 7)
	363 O God beyond all praising
	473 The church's one foundation
	309 Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour

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

Please can contributions for the Newsletter be given to Alan Keeler by noon on Wednesdays.