

# NEWS LETTER

26 July 2023

## of St. Mary Bromley

*Jesus said 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.'*

*Matthew 13.44*



There are many good reasons to be prudent. It can be very wise to be humble, patient and self-controlled. But Jesus also wants us to see what is lavish, exuberant and worth getting passionate about. He says that to know God is to find abundant treasure and to know generosity is in our Heavenly father's heart. The measure of this treasure might be that the more we give away the more we find we have. That is the nature of love after all.

### 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 between 10.00am – 12.00pm 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](mailto:margaret.eames4@gmail.com) or Mary 0208 464 1239; [mary@fallfamily.co.uk](mailto:mary@fallfamily.co.uk).

**All visitors very welcome to come and join us.**

### August Hymns



During August the hymns are chosen by the congregation. There are forms available for you to nominate a hymn to be included. We also ask for a few words about why it is important to you. It is always lovely to hear the story behind a choice.

### 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 be at 9.30am on 3 August. The other is a further planning meeting at 7.30pm on 9 August.

If you have suggestions please speak with Alan or email him at [agkeeler@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:agkeeler@tiscali.co.uk)

### Ride and Stride



St Mary's plans to take part for the second year in Ride and Stride on Saturday 9th September. As a Friend of Kent Churches half of all monies raised will benefit our church and the other half will help historic Kent Churches. Please consider joining in this year through church visiting or sponsoring the 'Ride and Striders'. Details to follow or speak to Chris Soper or John Beale .

### 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](http://www.bromleyartsociety.org.uk) or see flyer at back of church.

## Murals Fundraising

A generous member of the congregation has made us an extraordinary offer. Whatever is raised between 1<sup>st</sup> June and 31<sup>st</sup> December they will match, up to a limit of £10,000. This presents us with an opportunity to try to raise most of the required funds by the end of the year. Please consider how you might be able to meet this challenge. Please contact Alan Keeler or John Beale if you want to know more.

## 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](mailto:carole.beale@yahoo.com)

## Grace Café



This Wednesday (26<sup>th</sup> July) will be the last Grace Café before our summer break. The Café will reopen again on the 6<sup>th</sup> September.

## August Break

From next week the following groups will be having a break for August:

Pastoral Team from 1<sup>st</sup> August starting again 5<sup>th</sup> September.

Study Group from 1<sup>st</sup> August starting again 5<sup>th</sup> September.

Grace Cafe from 2<sup>nd</sup> August starting again 6<sup>th</sup> September.

## Prayer

### A Prayer for the week

Lord God,  
your Son left the riches of heaven  
and became poor for our sake:  
when we prosper save us from pride,  
when we are needy save us from despair,  
that we may trust in you alone;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Requests for prayer

#### Weekly

David Collins  
Eileen White's brother  
Geoff Lloyd

#### Monthly Week 4

Peter Smith  
Trine Hevezi's friend  
Betty Thompson  
Keith & Beryl Nye  
Eileen White

## 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 1 Kings 3.5-12, Romans 8.26-39, Matthew 13.31-33; 44-52

Hymns 9 All creatures of our God and King (omit verse 5,6)  
172 God is working his purpose out  
311 Lord Jesus Christ  
380 O Lord my God when I in awesome wonder

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.*