

# NEWS LETTER

## of St. Mary Bromley

26th September 2024

### St Michael and all Angels

“Nathanael asked him, ‘Where did you come to know me?’ Jesus answered, ‘I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you’.”

**John 1**

I really enjoy the reminder, that Jesus knows us before we find him, we are looking for him and he comes to us. Carlo Caretto, a religious writer, called God ‘the God who comes’ because God knows how much we need him. And when we recognise our own need of God, he comes to us. As last week’s collect reminded us ‘our hearts our restless till they find their rest in you. So, we need not be afraid to invite God to fill the gap in our hearts and lives



We give thanks O God that you have called Rev’d Eucharika Asiegbu to come among us as our parish priest.

We ask your blessing on her and her family, as they begin a new life with us.

We ask you to bless all the work and worship we will do together, inspire us by your holy Spirit, and give to all of us the grace and strength we will need going forward, that we might do your will, follow your call and have fun working and growing together. We ask this in the name of Jesus our brother. **Amen**

### Sunday Club



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

### Evening Study Group – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October, 8pm



Evening Study Group meets next at 8pm on 1<sup>st</sup> October and will be held face to face at Alison and Paddy's; location details from the hosts or me. The passages for consideration at this meeting will be the readings at 6 October's service - Genesis 2: 18-26; Hebrews 1: 1-4; 2: 5-12;

Mark 10: 2-16. All are welcome to attend. Further information from Peter Boyden

### October Magazine

The latest edition of our magazine will be available this weekend with copies in church and an electronic version on the website. <https://www.stmarys-bromley.org.uk/parish-magazine/>

### Harvest Festival – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October, 10.30am

Bromley Food Bank and Starter packs both need our help. Our Harvest gifts will go to the food bank or to the Starter Packs project at Sts Peter and Paul (the Parish Church). The Food Bank currently needs:

- Tinned meat (hot or cold)
- Coffee
- Jam,
- UHT milk,
- shaving gel and razors, as well as other toiletries

## Harvest Festival decorating window sills



We will be decorating the Church for Harvest Festival on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October from 9.00 am – 12 noon. Following on from decorating the Easter windows, we would like to invite others to get involved and be creative again to help with decorating a window sill. This could be a very simple arrangement in a vase or basket with some twigs, greenery, berries, gourds/squash to give a naturalistic design or to include some sunflowers, chrysanthemums or other flowers in autumnal colours. Tea, coffee and cake available. If you are interested in being involved with this in some way, please let Anne Yolland know.

## All Souls Service – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 3.30pm

### Creation Season



from 1<sup>st</sup> September until 6<sup>th</sup> October St Francis followed on 13<sup>th</sup> October by **Harvest Festival**. It's an important opportunity to consider the needs of others, the needs of the planet, how to live simply and to be satisfied with enough. We can support projects that help renew and restore the earth or the lives of our sisters and brothers locally (see below) or globally.

## Christmas Fair - Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November

For the Christmas Fair please collect jam jars with lids, if possible, for those of us who make Jam marmalade or Chutney to use for the Christmas fair. There is a large cardboard box to collect them in at the back of the Church. If you would like to be part of the planning, there is a sign-up sheet at the back of the Church.



## Cream Tea



A big thank you to everyone who was involved and to those who came and supported this event on 7 September and gave donations for church funds to the sum of £349 + Gift Aid. Special mention goes to the support team who worked so hard during the afternoon to serve over 40 attendees with cream and savoury teas. Anne Yolland

## Swim Serpentine



A quick update from Emily Yolland on the 1-mile Serpentine Lake swim on Saturday 14 September in Hyde Park. The swim was completed in 00.45.44 minutes.

To date £1,311 (+gift aid) has been raised for Bromley Little Theatre across both 1-mile swims. A big thank you for all the support and generous donations received. A more in-depth account of the Serpentine swim will be in the October magazine.

## Grace Café



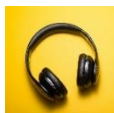
You are most welcome to join us between 10am to 12noon on Wednesdays.

## 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

Almighty and everlasting God,  
increase in us your gift of faith  
that, forsaking what lies behind  
and reaching out to that which is before,  
we may run the way of your  
commandments  
and win the crown of everlasting joy;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### Requests for Prayer

#### Weekly

Olive  
Richard  
(Barbara B cousin)  
Andrew  
Carolyn  
(friend of Alison)  
Anthia  
Patricia  
Kelly  
(friend of Carole)  
Charlotte  
(friend of Alison)

#### Monthly Week 5

Our monthly scheme only has four weeks. So how about thanks for those closest to you, a big issue in your life or just five minutes of silence?



If you have a need for prayer for things, please contact the Pastoral Team via Anthia Page email [anthiapage@gmail.com](mailto:anthiapage@gmail.com).

## Memorial Book

There is a memorial book at St. Mary’s in which may be inscribed names of people associated with this place. If you would like to know more details, please contact Alan or Jean Read on 020 8402 0886.

## Worship, Prayer and Fellowship

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

**At our 10.30am All Age Communion – 29<sup>th</sup> September 2024 – 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

**Readings:** Genesis 28: 10-17; Revelation 12:7-12; John 1:47- end

**Hymns:** 532 We have a gospel to proclaim  
464 Take my life and let it be  
460 Strengthen for service  
490 The Lord’s my shepherd  
Tune “Brother James’s Air”

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](mailto:admin@stmarys-bromley.org.uk)*