

of St. Mary Bromley

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 2.3-5



In October we invite our congregation to contribute to the Diocesan Poverty and Hope Appeal. There will be collecting envelopes available in the church. Poverty and Hope is involved in projects in Bangladesh, Brazil, Myanmar, Tanzania, Zimbabwe and Palestine. There is a summary about these in the October Magazine and more full details on the Diocesan website.

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

Harvest Festival – 10.30am 8 October



You are warmly invited to our Harvest Festival where we will receive gifts which will be given to Bromley Borough Foodbank. There are particular requests for the following:

UHT Milk, Coffee, Squash, Fruit Juice, Jam, Desserts, Sweets, Savoury Extras, Jam, Rice Pudding, Custard, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Veg, Tinned Soup, Tinned Tomatoes, Hot Meat/ Cold

Meat, Tinned Potatoes, Rice Packet, Cooking Sauces, Toilet rolls, Multi-Surface Wipes, Multi-Surface Sprays, Shampoo, Conditioner, Shower Gel, Shaving Gel, Razors.

October Magazine



This month's magazine will be available this weekend. There will be copies in church and through the website. Alan and Alison have independently written articles with very similar themes, great minds and all that.

Intercession List



St. Mary's Church encourages everyone to pray for each other. No doubt you have particular people that are regularly in your prayers and that is great. We also publish a list of people who are more widely known to us. A new edition is available in the church. Please do take a copy. If you would like new people added, maybe yourself if you are new, please let Alan know.

Murals Fundraising Update – Good news continues.

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.

Live Streaming church services

Our Live Streamed services continue to be viewed by many people and is a significant way for people to connect with us especially if they are housebound. This is currently done by Alan and Gill. Alan would like to know if you are interested in joining a team to take this on as it will be important to continue streaming services after January. There will be full training, a manual describing the operation and support as you learn what is involved.

Free Books



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

Ride and Stride



The result of this event on the 9th September has totalled £500. This is a considerable amount more than last year. Thank you indeed to all those who generously gave sponsorship and/or their time to raise this handsome sum. Beneficiaries will be St Mary's and the Friends of Kent Churches.

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.

Welcare in Bromley Quiz Night – Saturday 30 September 2023, 7.00 for 7.30 p.m.



This will be held at St Georges Bickley Church Hall BR1 2BE

More details are on leaflets on the tables at the back of church.

Guild of Church Flower Arrangers – 7.30 pm Monday 3rd October



AGM and demonstration by Graham Harmer.

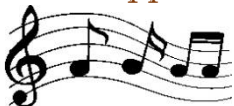
To be held at All Saint's Church, Bark Hart Road, Orpington, BR6 0QD.

The Guild came to St Mary's Church in June. Visitors £5.

Harvest Decorating - Friday 6th October from 10 am

We will be decorating the church for Harvest. We have a small team of flower arrangers and if anyone would like to come along to lend a hand with arranging flowers in some way, this would be much appreciated. Please have a word with Anne Yolland if you are interested.

Concert supporting Alzheimer's Society – Saturday 14th October at 7.30 p.m.



This will be held in St Mary's Church by Bromley Symphony Players (leader Bernard Brook) Concert includes music by Boyce, Haydn, Mozart and Grieg.

Admission £8, with interval refreshments.

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



This will be in Church House. If you would like to book a Table space at £10 or have a query, please contact Carole on 0208 460 9330 or email carole.beale@yahoo.com. The booking fee will be towards the church mural restoration fund. Offers of help in other ways, especially on the day will be gratefully accepted.

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

Save the date – Alan's last service as Vicar of St. Mary's Church

Come and join us at 10.30am on 21st January 2024

Prayer

A Prayer for the week

Gracious God,
you call us to fullness of life:
deliver us from unbelief
and banish our anxieties
with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Requests for prayer

Weekly

Daisy Batt
Friend of Alison Tyler
David Collins
Eileen White's brother
Sheila and Paul Knight
Geoff Lloyd

Monthly Week 4

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

Worship, Prayer and Fellowship

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

At our 10.30am Service of Family Communion on 1st October:

Reading Ezekiel 18.1-4,25-32, Philippians 2.1-13, Matthew 21.23-32

Hymns	380	O Lord my God
	311	Lord Jesus Christ
	334	May the mind of Christ my saviour
	321	Love divine (Blaenwern)

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.