

# NEWS LETTER

## of St. Mary Bromley

27<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Sunday next before Lent 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025

Celebration Service to mark the restoration of the murals.

*“all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another”*

**from 2 Corinthians**

A wonderful small quote from the vision shared with the Corinthians by St Paul, of the glory that is a part of knowing and following Jesus, and of the transformation that begins when we recognise him as ‘God with us’ and follow him, being continually transformed as we go forward. This is a time, before lent begins, for visions of glory to sustain us in the Lenten journey towards the Cross and Easter, to remind us just who Jesus is, why we are following him, and to keep our spirits up. And we at St Mary’s are even more blessed by the beauty of our restored murals whose completion we celebrate today.

### Sunday Club



All children and parents are welcome to join us for the Sunday Club session on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. We start in church at 10.30 a.m

### Mural Restoration Thankgiving Service – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 10.30am - 2.30pm



**Preacher Alan Keeler**

Celebrate the finished mural restoration, with worship, refreshments and demonstrations/exhibition of the work in progress. **To help plan the catering Please** reply to the invitations or sign up on the sheet at the back of Church.

### World Day of Prayer 2025 – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 10.30am



St Joseph’s Church, Plaistow Lane, BR1 3FH. All are welcome.

### Lent Study Group – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March – 10<sup>th</sup> April, 10.30am – 12 pm

LENT Course starts on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March in the Buchan hall at 10.00 for tea/coffee and 10.30 -12.00 for study followed by bread and soup lunch. We welcome Canon Gordon Giles to our meeting to introduce us to his book which we will study during Lent. At Home in Lent: An exploration of Lent through 46 objects. Sign up today if you want soup lunch. Just come along if you don’t want lunch.

### St John’s Lent Lecture – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm

It's entitled 'God and AI' and will be held this year on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm.

Our annual Lent Lecture sees leading professionals in their field address tough questions of how biblical theology responds to the challenges of life in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. For our 2025 Lent Lecture we look forward to welcoming Graham Budd, who is the Executive Director of The Faraday Institute, which improves public understanding of religious beliefs in relation to sciences. His research interests are at the intersection of AI ethics and faith. Graham will be speaking on the topic **God and AI: Being human in a world of superintelligent machines**. All are welcome. Admission free.

## Churches Together in Central Bromley Lent Course 2025 – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March – 8<sup>th</sup> April



Six reflections on the Women in Jesus' Family Tree. Tuesdays 7.45pm – 9.30 at St Peter and St Paul's Church, Bromley, BR2 0EG. Admission free. All are welcome.

### Mothers' Union



Our Lent Meeting will be held on Thursday 13th March 10.00am when the Revd. Neil Fairlamb will be our speaker. Many of you will know Neil for when he has been preaching at St Mary's during the last year. The meeting will be held in the Front Room of Church House – please do join us – all welcome.

### Lent Quiet Day – Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March, Feast of the Annunciation, 9.30am to 3.00pm

Please save the date for our Lent Quiet Day. This will take place on Tuesday, March 25th in Church. Time: from 9.30 am ending with a Communion service at 3.00 pm.

All are welcome but we need to know how many people will attend for morning, afternoon, or just for Communion, for catering purposes. Please let Eucharia, Alison or Maria know if you would like to attend or sign up on the sheet at the back of Church.

### Painted Pictures



Trine has pictures painted by her father over the course of his long life, which she would like to find a good home for. If you are interested in a picture, they are in the Big Yellow storage depot in Farwig Lane. Please speak to Trine if you would like to see them. If you like any of them, they are yours. In return she asks that you give a donation to the charity of your choice.

### Food Bank



Please remember that Bromley Food Bank and the Starter Packs Project at St Peter and St Paul (the Parish Church) are always in need of supplies. As Easter is coming try and include chocolate or Easter eggs into your donations.

### Easter Eggs



The new 2025 edition is available, and the 'Real Easter Egg' is the only fairtrade one with the Easter story in the box. The milk chocolate and dark chocolate eggs are also plastic and palm oil free. The milk chocolate egg is available at £6.20, and the dark chocolate egg is £7. These eggs are no longer available in supermarkets. To obtain one of these eggs, please sign the sheet at the back of church or contact Anne Yolland. Please order early as supplies may be limited due to a climate-related global cocoa shortage.

### Grace Café



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

## Prayer

### A Prayer for the week

Holy God,  
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:  
set straight our crooked hearts,  
and bend our wills to love your goodness  
and your glory  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### Requests for Prayer Weekly

The family and friends  
of Richard H  
The family and friends  
of John E  
John C  
Olive  
Richard  
(Barbara B cousin)  
Andrew  
Patricia  
Tony  
John S  
Luci  
Stuart (Sylvia's family  
member)  
The family and friends  
of Tom  
Pam  
Roger and Grace  
(Sarah Evans' parents)

### Monthly Week 1

Daisy  
(friend of Alison)  
David Collins  
(Eileen's brother)



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).

## Worship, Prayer and Fellowship

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

**At our 10.30am – Celebration Service to mark the restoration of the murals – 2nd March 2025**

**Sunday next before Lent**

**Readings** Exodus 34.29-35, 2 Corinthians 3.12 – 4.2, Luke 9.28-36

**Hymns** 321 Love divine all loves excelling  
427 Praise to the Lord the Almighty  
522 To God be the Glory Great things he has done  
153 Give me joy in my heart

## Hymns and Readings Rota

Please give your availability to Atlanta for reading and leading Intercessions, so we can fill in the Rota with confidence.

**Please can contributions for the Newsletter now be given to Atlanta Topham by 5pm on a Tuesday**