

NEWS LETTER

of St. Mary Bromley

27th June 2024

**“How the mighty have fallen in the midst of the battle!.....
How the mighty have fallen and the weapons of war perished!”**

1 Samuel

These are two sentences from David’s lament on the death of King Saul (his predecessor) and his son Jonathon (David’s dear friend) they underline the complete futility of war and the potential cost of victory. King Saul had disobeyed the Lord and Jonathon had been loyal to him even against his better judgement, and they had lost their battle. David who loved them both, was victorious in a different battle, but his joy was blighted by the sorrow of his new responsibility as King in Saul’s place, and loss of his dear friend.

Sunday Club



Weather permitting, we will have Garden Church on Sunday 30th June. All children and parents are welcome. We start in church at 10.30 a.m

Evening Study Group – Tuesday 2nd July – 8pm



Evening Study Group meets next via Zoom at 8pm on Tuesday 2 July to study the readings for Sunday 7 July: 2 Samuel 5, 1-6, 9-10; 2 Corinthians 12, 2-10; Mark 6, 1-13. For login details and further information please contact Peter Boyden.

Rosemary Cubberley’s Funeral

Christine, Rosemary’s daughter, tells us that her funeral is arranged for the 18th July at 11.00am at Hither Green Crematorium. We are welcome to come and join the family and it is also hoped to have a Memorial Service and a tea party celebrating Rosemary’s life at St Mary’s a little later.

Summer Concert by Bromley Oecumenical Singers – Saturday 6th July, 7.30pm



“An Evening with Gilbert and Sullivan” And more.....
Saturday 6th July 7.30 p.m. £10 (children under 16 free)
Proceeds to Bromley Relief in Need
At St Mary’s Church, College Road, Bromley BR1 3QG

Mothers’ Union – Wave of Prayer – Sunday 14th July



This year our Diocesan Wave of Prayer will be on Sunday 14th July. We will say these prayers in the North Transept, after the morning service. Please do come and join us for this short service.

Sunday Club End of Term Breakfast – Sunday 21st July – 10.30am



All children and their parents are invited to the Sunday Club End of Term Breakfast on Sunday 21st July. Please meet at 10.30 a.m. in the Church Garden, or in Church House, if wet, for pastries, croissants, cereal bars, fresh fruit and fruit juice. We will endeavour to cater for those with an allergy to gluten and dairy products.

Summer Lunch – Sunday 11th August



After Church on Sunday 11th August we meet to eat lunch together, bring your own picnic lunch and some of us will make cakes or desserts to share.

Churchyard Gardening – First Saturday of the month



We will be holding gardening mornings on the first Saturday of the month if fine and Church cleaning indoors if wet. The first two dates are the 6th July and 3rd August. We have a lovely church yard so please do join us to help keeping it up. Tea and biscuits - maybe Cake - to follow.

Busy Lizzie



and other plants are in the porch today. These are 'end of season' so any donations will go to **WELCARE in BROMLEY** helping local families. Thank you.

Pastoral Team

The Pastoral Team will not be meeting in August. The last meeting will be on the 30th July and recommences on the 3rd September. If you need to contact us we will still be available by phone or email.

Newsletter

Please note that there will be no Newsletter next week.

Update on the vacancy

St Mary's PCC met Tuesday evening (4th June) to formally approve our parish profile and method for advertising and to appoint 2 parish representatives. This is known as the section 11 meeting.

We can announce that the vacancy will be advertised in Church Times, Pathways and the Diocese Website and Lisa Morris and Maria Staines will be our representatives to be involved in interviewing for our next vicar.

We would like to encourage everybody to share our parish profile on the St Mary's website home page <https://d3hgriq6yacptf.cloudfront.net/5f1a79d215fe0/content/pages/documents/240604-st-marys-plaistow-parish-profile-final.pdf> with anyone who may know someone who is interested (and even those who aren't!) and 'like' and share our Facebook page posts to do our own bit of advertising. If you can think of somewhere that would like to display a poster (local supermarket, library etc) we can organise for some to be printed for you to display for us.

Interviews will take place on 6th August.

Grace Café



You are most welcome to join us between 10am to 12noon on Wednesdays. Please join the volunteers who host the Grace Cafe on Wednesdays. There is a sign-up sheet in the church. In case you haven't done it before, you will be with someone who has, so please join them and try it out.

Refreshments Rota



Many thanks to all who willingly and regularly serve refreshments on a Sunday morning after the service.

Prayer

A Prayer for the week

Almighty God,
send down upon your Church
the riches of your Spirit,
and kindle in all who minister the gospel
your countless gifts of grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Requests for Prayer Weekly

Friends and family of
Rosemary Cubberley
Merle Jones
Olive Green
Nigel Benjamin
Lisa Morris's brother

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?

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 Alison or Jean Read on 020 8402 0886.

Pray Daily for a New Vicar

Loving God,

we ask you to be present with the St Mary's family as we wait and pray for a new vicar.

You know those things that we need to encourage us in our faith; and you know too the person we need to teach us and lead us, before we can even form the thought to ask you.

Whilst we wait keep us patient, wise and united, working together for the good of our community.

Build us up into a flourishing and inclusive part of Christ's body of love and service, make us ready to welcome and to work with the one you send.

We offer our prayer in the name of Jesus our friend and brother. **Amen.**

We thought possibly we could undertake to pray in our own homes or offices, either early in the morning or sometime between 5-6 so we did not have to struggle to meet together but would instead be together in heart and mind.



If you have a need for prayer for particular things, please contact the Pastoral Team via Anthia Page email anthiapage@gmail.com.

Worship, Prayer and Fellowship

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

At our 10.30am Family Communion – 30th June 2024 – 5th Sunday after Trinity

Readings 2 Samuel 1 :1, 17-end; 2 Corinthians 8:7-end; Mark 5: 21-end

Hymns

53	Be still for the presence of the Lord
62	Blessed Assurance
311	Lord Jesus Christ
310	Lord for the years

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

Please can contributions for the Newsletter now be given to Atlanta Topham by noon on Wednesdays
Atlanta's email is admin@stmarys-bromley.org.uk