28th March 2024

NEWS LETTER

of St. Mary Bromley

The angel said 'Jesus is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead" Matthew 28.6-7a



We remember Good Friday and celebrate Easter Day

The tomb was empty. The women and then the disciples met Jesus. The news travelled. Persecution did not silence the believers. The Roman Empire accepted the faith. The news reached every continent. And it is believed in Bromley! And so we too are invited to worship the God who raises the dead.

Alleluia Christ is Risen He is Risen Indeed Alleluia

	Good Friday	11.00am Churches Together Walk of Witness meet at St. Peter and St.Paul 2.00pm An Hour at the Cross
		3.00pm Help make a desert Easter Garden Hot Cross Buns and drinks will be served.
	Sunday Easter Day	10.30am Holy Communion - after service Fizz & canapes Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday Club



All children and parents are welcome to join us for the Sunday Club session on Easter Sunday 31st March. We start in church at 10.30 a.m. Help make a desert Easter Garden on Good Friday afternoon (29th March). Hot Cross Buns and drinks will be served from 3.00 p.m. following 'An Hour at the Cross'. On Easter Day (31st March) there will be an Easter Egg Hunt after the

service.

Churches Together in Central Bromley – Friday 29th March 2024 Walk of Witness starts at 11.00am from Ss. Peter & Paul, Church Road, Bromley. All are welcome

Do you want to be confirmed?



There is still time to attend classes and be ready for the Deanery Confirmation with Bishop Jonathon Pentecost Sunday 19th May at St Mary's Hayes at 10.30am. Please sign up or let Alison know.

Easter Flowers – Saturday 30th March.



Our small team of flower arrangers will be decorating the Church on Easter Saturday 30th March between 10.00 am – 12 noon. We would love some extra help and if anyone feels creative and would like to get involved with decorating one of the church window sills, this would be very welcome. A family may like to decorate a window sill or a couple of people could work together. This could be a very simple arrangement with a bunch of

daffodils or tulips, twigs or greenery. Refreshments available. Please contact Anne Yolland in advance to discuss or for further information. Due to the rising costs of fresh flowers, any contributions towards the Easter flowers would be much appreciated. Thank you.

Mothers Union – Thursday 11th April – 10.00am



The Mothers' Union meeting on Thursday 11th April at 10am will be a reminiscence session on "What was your first job?" All welcome

APCM - in the church following a shortened morning service on 28th April

Please make a note of our Annual Parochial Church Council, it will be good to have your company. If you are not on our Electoral Roll please think about joining. This is a list of people in St. Mary's who are entitled to vote at the meeting.

Grace Café



You are most welcome to join us on Wednesday mornings. 10am to 12noon for coffee, cake and fellowship. We meet in the Buchan Hall of Church House.

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. If you would like to volunteer to help, please have a word with Anne Yolland.

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

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Requests for Prayer Weekly Merle Jones Pat Coomber

Monthly Week 5

We pray for all those who have no one to pray for them, especially if they are ill or in hospital.

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.

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.



Hymns

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

Worship, Prayer and Fellowship

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

At our 8.00pm Maundy Thursday Service on 28th March 2024

Readings 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, John 13:1-17, At the end Matthew 26:36-56

4 A new Commandment

- 73 Brother, Sister let me serve
- 72 Broken for me, broken for you
- 460 Strengthen for Service
- 154 Give thanks

GOOD FRIDAY 29th March 2024 - 2.00p.m. An Hour at the Cross

- Hymns 465 Take up thy Cross the saviour said
 - 540 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

At our 10.30am EASTER DAY SERVICE on 31st March 2024

Readings Acts 10:34-43 Mark 16:1-8

Hymns 267 Jesus Christ is risen today

- 24 Alleluia, Alleluia give thanks
- 309 Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour
- 503 Thine be the glory

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 <u>admin@stmarys-bromley.org.uk</u>