

# NEWS LETTER

## of St. Mary Bromley

3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024

### Creation Season -St Francis

“Then the Lord God said, ‘It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner’”

Genesis 2

From the beginning God created us to be in relationships. Firstly with God as Creator, then with all living things as fellow creatures, made by God, and then with the one made especially to keep the man company, the one made as the man’s partner. It is astonishing to realise that partnership is the relationship for which we are made, with God, our fellow creatures and with each other. The best human partnerships involve honesty, trust, respect and open communication between partners, they take effort and compromise and care from all involved, especially when involved with caring for the planet together, with God.



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



All children and parents are welcome to join us for the Sunday Club session on Sunday 6th September. We start in church at 10.30 a.m.

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



Evening Study Group meets next via Zoom on Tuesday 8 October at 8pm via Zoom. We shall be studying Matthew 6: 25-33, the reading for the Harvest Festival on Sunday 13 October, and also considering what we shall be studying in future meetings. All welcome, for further details and to receive log in details please ask Peter Boyden.

### Churchyard Gardening – Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August



We will be holding gardening mornings on the first Saturday of the month if fine and Church cleaning indoors if wet. The next date is the 5<sup>th</sup> October. We have a lovely church yard so please do join us to help keep it up. Tea and biscuits - maybe Cake - to follow.

### Mothers' Union - Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October, Our Quiz is back!



John and Chris Soper will, again, be running the quiz for us. This will be held in the Front Room of Church House, 10.00 – 12.00 . Do come and support this fun morning. All welcome.

## 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.

## 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.

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

Details to follow

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

If you would like to be part of the planning, there is a sign-up sheet at the back of the Church.



A VERY big thank you to the volunteers who kept the church open on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September for Ride & Stride and Open House. This extends to the extremely generous sponsorship from church members and others. We had a few passers by coming in to see the church but a wonderful total of £245 sponsorship money was collected. With Gift Aid St Mary's will receive back half of this from Friends of Kent Churches which will be approximately £151. Thanks again for all your support.

## The Real Advent Calendar



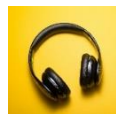
A new design for 2024, Fairtrade milk chocolate, palm oil free, charitable donation, 24 page Christmas story-activity book. A line of the story behind each window. £5.50. These calendars are not available to buy in supermarkets. Available to order, please use the sign-up form at the back of church or contact Anne Yolland.

## Grace Café



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

## 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

Faithful Lord,  
whose steadfast love never ceases  
and whose mercies never come to an end:  
grant us the grace to trust you  
and to receive the gifts of your love,  
new every morning,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### Requests for Prayer

#### Weekly

Olive  
Richard  
(Barbara B cousin)  
Andrew  
Carolyn  
(friend of Alison)  
Anthia  
Patricia  
Kellie  
(friend of Carole)  
Charlotte  
(friend of Alison)  
Jenny  
(Aunt of Atlanta)

#### Monthly Week 1

Roger and Grace  
(Sarahs parents)  
Daisy  
(Friend of Alison)  
David  
(Eileens brother)  
John



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 All Age Communion – 6<sup>th</sup> October 2024 – 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

**Readings:** Genesis 2:18-26; Hebrews 1:1-4;2:5-12; Mark 10: 2 -16

**Hymns:** 9 All Creatures of our God and king omit v6  
39 As the deer pants  
27 Amazing grace  
33 Angel voices ever singing

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