

## The Presentation of Christ in the Temple - Candlemas

*“The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.”*

After all the excitement the family went home to Nazareth, and we hear nothing about him until that famous visit to Jerusalem where he surprised the teachers and priests with his learning and insight. When the time came for Jesus to begin his ministry. He was ready, strong, full of wisdom and blessed with God's favour, and he had been brought up by Joseph and Mary. If God was his father, Mary was his mother and Joseph his foster father, so he learned from them all that a human child would have learnt. Given his obviously successful later healing and teaching encounters with women, she and Joseph did a very good job.



### Sunday Club



All children and parents are welcome to join us for the Sunday Club session on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025. We start in church at 10.30 a.m.

### Evening Study Group – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February, 8pm – 9pm



Evening Study Group will be thinking about extracts from *The heart's time, a poem a day for Lent and Easter*, by Janet Morley during February, beginning on Tuesday 4 February, at a face-to-face meeting. For details of the meeting place please contact Peter Boyden..

### John Edmonds – Committal Service and Memorial Service – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February

John Edmonds short committal service will be held at Hither Green Crematorium by Rev Alan Keeler at 13.30pm. Family and friends are welcome.

A Memorial Service will take place in St Mary's Church at 2.15pm conducted by Rev Alan Keeler. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments after the church service. Both services will take place on Monday 17th February 2025.

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



Celebrate the finished mural restoration. More details to follow.

### Churches Together in Central Bromley Lent group – From 11th March

Evenings at St Peter and St Paul. More details to follow.



## Lent Quiet Day – Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March, 9.30am – 3pm

Please save the date for our Lent Quiet Day. This will take place on **Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at Church. Time: 9.30 am to 3.00 pm.** All are welcome but we need to know how many people that will attend for catering purposes. Please let Eucharia, Alison or Maria know if you will like to attend.

## Preparation of a new Electoral Roll

Under the Church Representation Rules, a new Church Electoral Roll is being prepared. Every person who wishes to have his or her name entered on the new Roll, whether it is entered on the present Roll or not, is requested to apply for enrolment. More details to follow.

## Intercessions List



If you aren't already on the St Mary's Intercessions List and would like to be please let Frances Boyden know as soon as possible as new one is in preparation. Not sure if you are on it? If you have been contacted by a member of the Pastoral Team asking if there is anything you would like prayed for then you are on the list as this is the one they use. Copies will be available at the back of church if you would like one for your private prayers.

## Food Bank



Please remember that Bromley Food Bank and the Starter Packs Project at Sts Peter and Paul (the Parish Church) are always in need of supplies.

## 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.

## Prayer

### A Prayer for the week

Lord Jesus Christ,  
light of the nations and glory of Israel:  
make your home among us,  
and present us pure and holy  
to your heavenly Father,  
your God, and our God. **Amen**

### Requests for Prayer Weekly

The family and friends  
of John E  
John Cox  
Olive  
Richard  
(Barbara B cousin)  
Andrew  
Carolyn  
(friend of Alison)  
Patricia  
Bridget  
(friend of Lynda)  
Tony  
John S  
Luci N  
Stuart (Sylvia's family  
member)  
Tom (friend of Sylvia)  
Pam M

### Monthly Week 1

Roger and Grace  
(Sarah E Parents)  
Daisy  
(Friend of Alison)  
David C  
(Eileens 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 - Family Communion – 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025**

**The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)**

**Readings** Malachi 3.1-5; Hebrews 2.14-18; Luke 2.22-40

**Hymns**

53	Be still for the presence of the Lord
473	The Church's One Foundation
522	To God be the Glory Great things he has done
336	Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

## 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**