

NEWS LETTER

4 October 2023

of St. Mary Bromley

*May the Lord reward you for your deeds, and may you have a full reward
from the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge!*

Ruth 2.12



You are warmly invited to our Harvest Festival at 10.30am on this coming Sunday where we will receive gifts which will be given to Bromley Borough Foodbank. There are particular requests for the following: UHT Milk, Coffee, Squash, Fruit Juice, Jam, Desserts, Sweets, Savoury Extras, Jam, Rice Pudding, Custard, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Veg, Tinned Soup, Tinned Tomatoes, Hot Meat/ Cold Meat, Tinned Potatoes, Rice Packet, Cooking Sauces, Toilet rolls, Multi-Surface Wipes, Multi-Surface Sprays, Shampoo, Conditioner, Shower Gel, Shaving Gel, Razors.

Poverty and Hope Appeal



In October we invite our congregation to contribute to the Diocesan Poverty and Hope Appeal. There are collecting envelopes available. Please leave envelopes with donations for St. Mary's to pass on to the Diocese. Poverty and Hope is involved in projects in many countries. There is a summary in the October Magazine and more full details on the Diocesan website.

<https://www.rochester.anglican.org/everyday-faith/ourfaithinaction/poverty-and-hope-appeal/>

Live Streaming church services

Our Live Streamed services continue to be viewed by many people and is a significant way for people to connect with us especially if they are housebound. This is currently done by Alan and Gill. Alan would like to know if you are interested in joining a team to take this on as it will be important to continue streaming services after January. There will be full training, a manual describing the operation and support as you learn what is involved.

Free Books



Alan is downsizing his library. There is a small book case in the church building with a wide variety of items of Christian interest. You are welcome to have a look and take what catches your fancy. If you would like some guidance Alan will be only happy to make recommendations. The book case will be there until the end of October

Murals Fundraising Update – Good news continues.

Members of the congregation continue to donate generously. We hope to raise as much as possible before the end of December to benefit from a match funding offer.

Contact Alan Keeler or John Beale if you want to know more.

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.

Grace Café



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

The plays of Agatha Christie – 10.00am Thursday 12th October



The Mothers' Union have organised a talk on 'The plays of Agatha Christie' to be held in the Front Room of Church House. They are delighted that Peter Yolland, a well established member of Bromley Little Theatre, will be giving this talk. Anyone is welcome to come to this meeting.

Concert supporting Alzheimer's Society – 7.30pm Saturday 14th October



This will be held in St Mary's Church by Bromley Symphony Players (leader Bernard Brook) Concert includes music by Boyce, Haydn, Mozart and Grieg. Admission £8, with interval refreshments.

Table Top Sale – 2pm to 4pm Saturday 4th November



This will be in Church House. If you would like to book a Table space at £10 or have a query, please contact Carole on 0208 460 9330 or email carole.beale@yahoo.com. The booking fee will be towards the church mural restoration fund. Offers of help in other ways, especially on the day will be gratefully accepted.

Jigsaw Sale – 10.00am to noon on Saturday 18th November, in the church porch



With refreshments in the back of church and paperback books outside of the porch All proceeds to the mural fund. Mary already has many jigsaws; more will be welcomed.

Thanks for your interest. Mary Fall (020 8464 1239) mary@fallfamily.co.uk

Save the date – Alan's last service as Vicar of St. Mary's Church

Come and join us at 10.30am on 21st January 2024

Prayer

A Prayer for the week

Creator God,
you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect
this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Requests for prayer

Weekly

Daisy Batt
Friend of Alison Tyler
David Collins
Eileen White's brother
Sheila and Paul Knight
Geoff Lloyd

Monthly Week 1

Roger and Grace Charsley
Sarah Evans' parents
John Cox
Denis Dodds

Worship, Prayer and Fellowship

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

At our 10.30am Family Service on 8th October:

Reading	Ruth 2.10-13
Hymns	534 We plough the fields and scatter
	137 For the beauty of the earth
	548 When I needed a neighbour
	186 Greatest is thy faithfulness

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

Please can contributions for the Newsletter be given to Alan Keeler by noon on Wednesdays.