

# NEWS LETTER

## of St. Mary Bromley

4<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’**

What a responsibility, to be given the authority to forgive sins and by extension to heal the sick in same way that Jesus himself had done. Jesus knows he will return to the Father soon, so begins to prepare the disciples for his absence by sharing the responsibilities for healing and forgiveness. It is also an amazing gift. In these days after Easter we thank God for the Resurrection life vibrant and active through those newly empowered first disciples.

### Sunday Club



We're on holiday on Sunday 7th April. Please make use of the resources on the Family Zone.

### Betty Thompson

Betty Thompsons funeral service will be on the 25<sup>th</sup> April in Church at 11.00

### 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.

### Ascension Day – Thursday 9th May – 8pm

Ascension Day is listed for an evening Eucharist at 8pm, no one else other Alison Tyler and our organist have been listed to participate in this service. So volunteers to read x 2/3 and someone to lead Intercessions are really needed please let Alison know if you can help out on 07973 457226 -thank you

### THE PLANT SALE is coming!



Organised by the Mothers' Union raising funds for the 'Away from it All' project. It is on May 18th 10.00 till 12.00 in the Buchan Hall and Outside, with refreshments in the Front Room. If you have started sowing seeds for your own gardens, please keep any extra 'not needed' plants for the sale. Also, anything suitable for a Raffle would be appreciated. Enquiries about the sale, contact Mary Fall [mary@fallfamily.co.uk](mailto:mary@fallfamily.co.uk) or 07801 271202

### Easter Flowers



A huge thank you to all those who contributed towards the wonderful floral decorations for Easter Day. Our church looked so beautifully decorated and it was good to have a real buzz of activity with so many involved with this. Thanks also to those who were involved with spring cleaning the church, polishing the brass & silverware, serving refreshments and many other jobs too. All in all a great team effort! Grateful thanks also to those who have kindly given towards the Easter flower fund.

### Meaningful Easter Eggs



Thank you to all who supported Fairtrade this Easter by purchasing Meaningful Easter eggs.

## Dental packaging recycling

Thank you all for your donations of empty toothpaste tubes and packaging over the past few years. I have been informed that this stream of recycling from Terracycle has now been closed. I am therefore unable to send any more shipments. The collection box at the back of church has been removed. Maria

## Grace Café



Grace Café will move back to the Church from Wednesday 3rd April 2024. You are most welcome to join us between 10am to 12noon.

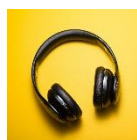
Please join the volunteers who host the Grace Cafe on Wednesdays. There is a sign up sheet in the church. In case you haven't done it before, you will be with someone who has, so please join them and try it out.

## 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

Risen Christ,  
for whom no door is locked, no entrance  
barred:  
open the doors of our hearts,  
that we may seek the good of others  
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,  
to the praise of God the Father. Amen

### Requests for Prayer

#### Weekly

Merle Jones  
Pat Coomber  
Family and friends of  
Betty Thompson

#### Monthly Week 1

Roger and Grace Charsley  
Sarah Evans' parents  
Daisy Batt  
Friend of Alison Tyler  
David Collins  
Eileen White's brother  
John Cox

## 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](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 on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Readings: Acts 4:32-35, 1 John 1: 1-22, John 20:19- end

Hymns: 25 Alleluia, Alleluia Hearts to heaven and voices raise  
219 How lovely on the mountains  
227 I come with joy a child of God  
30 And can it be that I should gain

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)*