

NEWS LETTER

of St. Mary Bromley

4th January 2024

On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Matthew 2.11



There is a great Christmas tradition of uniting the accounts of Jesus' birth in Matthew and Luke's Gospels into one presentation. This is all good stuff but pulling them apart takes place with our calendar. Matthew's account has its own name which is The Epiphany and The Epiphany has its own date which is the 6th of January. This Sunday we will be with Matthew and the Magi. When we think of Jesus's birth do we think of ourselves as shepherds from the local hills or visitors from far away?

Immediately following the service there will be the interment of Denis Dodd's ashes in the Garden of Remembrance.

Sunday Club



All children and parents are welcome to join us for the Sunday Clubs session on Sunday 7th January. We start in church at 10.30 a.m.

On Sunday 14th January Thomas Finnis will be admitted to Holy Communion so we will stay in the Family Zone throughout the service.

Evening Study Group – on Tuesday 9 January, 8pm



The next meeting of the Evening Study Group will be held via Zoom at 8pm on Tuesday 9 January 2024 to study the readings for Sunday 14 January: 1 Samuel 3, 1-10 and John 14, 1-6. Further information and login details from Peter Boyden.

Mothers' Union



Mothers Union meet in the **Front Room of Church House on Thursday January 11th at 10.00**. We start the year with a fun meeting by playing **BEETLE**. As always, non members are very welcome.

A Charity Night at the Theatre



JusB youth charity have tickets available for the charity preview of *Steel Magnolias* at Bromley Little Theatre. A classic and heart-warming comedy masterpiece based on a popular play and film in 1980's America. Date: Thursday 11th January 2024 at 7.45 pm. Tickets: £10. We currently have a good choice of seats on offer! To reserve seats for this event, please email anne@jusb.co.uk or speak to Anne Yolland. All ticket sales will support the work of JusB.

A Night at the Musicals – 13th January, doors open 7.15pm



Songs from the West End and Broadway performed caberet style by Artform. Held in the Warwick Hall. Tickets £13.50 www.ticketsource.co.uk/artform in advance or on the door. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Proceeds to be shared with St. Mary's church.

Alan's Last Sunday, 21st January 2024



Just a quick reminder that, if you are expecting to come for lunch, please let Carole Beale know. If you want there to *be* lunch, please also sign up to prepare some food – e.g. salads, cakes or desserts! There are sign-up lists at the back of the church for food, and for help needed in setting up the lunch and clearing up afterwards.

Welcare in Bromley



A pleasing amount of £246 was raised by those who took part in **Carol Singing** in the Glades. Several people from St Mary's joined other Welcare supporters, so thank you to those who helped to raise this money to help families in Bromley.

Questions for Alan



Please think if there are things that you have relied upon for Alan to know. If you need such information please contact him before the 21st of January and make sure it does not go with him!

Contacting Alan by email

People have recently been finding contacting Alan with his Tiscali email address has been unreliable. You are welcome to use this alternative alankeeler58@gmail.com. Once Alan and Gill have moved from the vicarage the Tiscali email address will no longer exist.

February Edition of Parish Magazine

Please note the closing date for contributions will be 15 January. Remember this is the first magazine since Dec /Jan edition printed in November so you may wish to put in news, notices. or photographs. Please email to joc1947@msn.com

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.

Lent 2024

Just to remind us all that Easter is early this year, and that Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 14th February (also Valentine's Day!). We will have a service of Holy Communion at 8pm with Imposition of Ashes. During Lent we will have a Lent Group in person on Thursdays in the Buchan Hall, at 10am and again at 8pm each week, from Thursday 15th February to Thursday 21st March. Easter Sunday is 31st March.

Prayer

A Prayer for the week

Creator of the heavens,
who led the Magi by a star
to worship the Christ-child:
guide and sustain us,
that we may find our journey's end
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Requests for Prayer

Weekly

Julian, Geoffrey and
Philip Dodds,
Denis' sons
Daisy Batt
Friend of Alison Tyler

Monthly Week 1

Roger and Grace Charsley
Sarah Evans' parents
David Collins
Eileen White's brother

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.

Worship, Prayer and Fellowship

Our service on Sundays are Live Streamed. See <https://www.facebook.com/stmarysbromley/>
At our 10.30am Family Communion on 7th January 2024 (Epiphany)

Readings	Isaiah 60.1-6, Ephesians 3.1-12, Matthew 2.1-12
Hymns	41 As with gladness
	71 Brightest and best (Epiphany)
	227 I come with joy, a child of God
	164 Go forth and tell (Woodlands, 304)

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