

# NEWS LETTER

## of St. Mary Bromley

5<sup>th</sup> December 2024

**I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now.**

**Philippians**

I wonder how often we thank God with joy for each other as those who share in the Gospel, who are our brothers and sisters in the work of bringing the Kingdom of God to fruition. It is worth thinking about because no one of us has all the gifts needed for the spreading of the good news, and all of us need encouragement to persevere. Thank you for company on the journey of faith.

### Sunday Club



All children and parents are welcome to join us for the Sunday Club session on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2024. We start in church at 10.30 a.m.

### Hayes Community Singers Christmas Concert

Hayes Lane Baptist Church, BR2 9EA, Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 4 pm. A concert with an international theme. Free entry.

### Church Cleaning/ Churchyard Gardening - Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 10.00am – 12.00pm



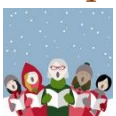
Please come to help keep our church clean and to tidy up the churchyard. Hot drinks and cake will be available!

### Christingle Making - Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 9.30am



The Mothers' Union will, again, be making the Christingles for the service on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December. If you are able to help with this task please join us in the Front Room of Church House on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December from 9.30am. Thank you.

### Welcare Carol Singing in the Glades - Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December between 11.00am and 12.30pm



This is a regular fund raising event raising money for Welcare in Bromley. Funding for the valuable work with local families only comes from our local Church of England churches.

We will be singing in the Glades on the Upper Floor near Superdry (behind the central escalators) Anyone can join in with well known carols and carol sheets are provided. St Mary's are renowned for there participation, so drop in as convenient for a fun sing.

### Sunday Club Nativity – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 10.30am



Please join us for the Sunday Club 'Not a very silent night' pop-up Nativity Service at 10.30 a.m. on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. Come in your own costumes as Mary, Joseph, angels, shepherds or wise men. Children's costumes will be available on the day.

### Christmas window decorating - Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 10.00am – 12 noon



The St Mary's flower arranging team would like to invite others to help with decorating the church for Christmas and in particular if anyone would like to decorate a window sill, following on from the lovely Easter and Harvest window displays. The church will be decorated on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December between 10.00 am – 12 noon. Jean, Vicki & Anne will be very pleased if others would like to be involved and join them in getting the church suitably decorated for this special festival. An arrangement could simply be some foliage, with a few berries, pine cones and some Christmas baubles. Mike will put some lovely candles adjacent to the window displays. Please let Anne Yolland know if you are interested in helping with this. Festive refreshments will be on offer. Donations towards the cost of the flowers at Christmas are always very much appreciated.

## Christmas Fair



A big thank you to the refreshments and mulled wine team at the Christmas Fair; to all the bakers, cake & mince pie providers, setting up, serving, washing up and clearing up. It was a great team effort!

## Grace Café



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

## Prayer

### A Prayer for the week

Almighty God,  
purify our hearts and minds,  
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again  
as judge and saviour  
we may be ready to receive him,  
who is our Lord and our God. **Amen**

### Requests for Prayer

#### Weekly

Olive  
Richard  
(Barbara B cousin)  
Andrew  
Carolyn  
(friend of Alison)  
Patricia  
Debi and her family  
Laura and her family  
Bridget  
(friend of Lynda)  
Tony

#### Monthly Week 2

John Edmonds  
Shelagh Frankham  
Richard Handforth



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 – 8<sup>th</sup> December 2024

#### Readings

Mal 3: 1-4; Phil.1: 3-1; Luke 3:1-6

#### Hymns

193 Hail to the Lord's  
98 Come thou long expected Jesus  
378 O lord all the world belongs  
172 God is working his purpose not v2

## Hymns and Readings Rota

Please give your availability to Atlanta for reading and leading Intercessions, so we can fill in the Rota with confidence.

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 5pm on a Tuesdays**