

# NEWS LETTER

## of St. Mary Bromley

5<sup>th</sup> September 2024

**“God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good”**

**Genesis 1**

I always have a picture in my mind of God getting exhaustedly to the Sabbath, and being really excited by the wonders He had made. This first account of creation was not meant to be scientific. It is rather, a primary witness to the profound truth, the deep truth, of God who created the universe, who created each one of us, who loves and cares for us, and it presents God's challenge to us to be responsible stewards of the gift of life that we have been given, and to be responsible stewards of God's gift of the Creation, in all its goodness and its glory. So, by all means we can enjoy God's gifts, but we can also learn to take proper care of them.

### Sunday Club



It's an All Age Family Communion service on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30 a.m. All families welcome.

### Evening Study Group – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September, 8pm



Evening Study Group meets next on Tuesday 10 September at 8pm via Zoom to discuss the readings for Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>: Isaiah 50, 4 - 9a; James 3, 1-12; Mark 8, 27- end.

For further details and Zoom joining details please ask Peter Boyden.

### Harvest Festival – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October, 10.30am

Bromley Food Bank and Starter packs both need our help. Our Harvest gifts will go to the food bank or to the Starter Packs project at Sts Peter and Paul (the Parish Church). The Food Bank currently needs:

- Tinned meat (hot or cold)
- Coffee
- Jam,
- UHT milk,
- shaving gel and razors, as well as other toiletries

### All Souls Service – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 3.30pm

### Thinking Ahead:

Before we know it, it will be time to welcome our new Vicar so we should start thinking of ways to make her or him most welcome.

### Reminder

The new worship Rota is being made as we read this, so, if you have not already done so please let Atlanta know when you are away or not available.

### Creation Season



from 1<sup>st</sup> September until 6<sup>th</sup> October St Francis followed on 13<sup>th</sup> October by **Harvest Festival**.

It's an important opportunity to consider the needs of others, the needs of the planet, how to live simply and to be satisfied with enough. We can support projects that help renew and restore the earth or the lives of our sisters and brothers locally (see below) or globally.

## Thank you



A very big thank you for the beautiful rose and brilliant card we received on the occasion of our 60th Diamond Wedding Anniversary.

Thank you. Alan and Jean

## Cream Tea – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2.30pm



Do join us for a cream or savoury tea on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2.30 pm – 5 pm in church. **If you have not already signed up attendance, please let Anne Yolland know as soon as possible on 07929 756 295 as numbers needed for catering purposes.**

## Ride and Stride – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September



St. Mary's will be **open** to welcome visitors for **Ride and Stride** and **London Open House on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September** from 10am to 4.15pm.. Welcomers will greet our visitors and offer light refreshments. Many thanks indeed to all our Welcomers. If you wish to sponsor a

Welcomer please sign their yellow form. Any monies raised will benefit St Mary's. So do pop along as all are welcome.

## Swim Serpentine – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September



Emily Yolland is gearing up to swim 1 mile in the Serpentine Lake in Hyde Park on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September. Following on from the Great North Swim in June, Emily has swum across Coniston Water to Peel Island (also known as Wild Cat Island to fans of Swallows and Amazons by Arthur Ransome), down the River Rothay into Lake Windermere (and back up again) and around Easedale Tarn in preparation. Emily is raising funds for Bromley Little Theatre, who are endeavouring to raise £85,000 by the end of this year for a major re-development project. If you would like to support Emily in her continued efforts to raise money for Bromley Little Theatre please go to her fundraising page at <https://www.justgiving.com/page/emily-yolland-greatnorthswim24> or use the QR code on the poster at the back of church or speak to Anne Yolland for further details. **Emily would again like to say 'a BIG thank you' to all those who have already so generously donated.**

## Christmas Fair - Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November

For the Christmas Fair please collect jam jars with lids, if possible, for those of us who make Jam marmalade or Chutney to use for the Christmas fair. There is a large cardboard box to collect them in at the back of the Church. If you would like to be part of the planning, there is a sign-up sheet at the back of the Church.

## Grace Café



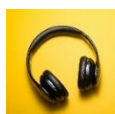
You are most welcome to join us between 10am to 12noon on Wednesdays.

## Refreshments Rota



Many thanks to all who willingly and regularly serve refreshments on a Sunday morning after the service.

## 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

Lord God,  
defend your Church from all false teaching  
and give to your people knowledge of your  
truth,  
that we may enjoy eternal life  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### Requests for Prayer

#### Weekly

Merle  
Olive  
Nigel  
(Lisa M brother)  
Richard  
(Barbara B cousin)  
Andrew  
Charlotte and  
Carolyn  
(friend of Alison T)  
Anthia

#### Monthly Week 2

John  
Shelagh  
Richard

**Please pray for Matilda who will be Baptised on 7th September at St Mary's.**



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 All Age Communion – 8th September 2024 - 15th Sunday after Trinity**

**Readings:** Genesis 1 and 2.

**Hymns:** All things bright and beautiful  
Who put the colours in the rainbow?  
If I were a butterfly  
All for Jesus

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)*