

## of St. Mary Bromley

*Jesus said 'Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise person who built their house on rock.'*

*Matthew 7.24*



*Thanks to Annabel Topham who designed this artwork*

Please join us on Sunday for our 160th Celebration Service. This will be followed by special refreshments and a splendid lunch in the church building. No set charge but donations welcome to cover costs. Soft drinks will be provided. Do bring a bottle of something more celebratory if you wish. The whole event will be completed with a commemorative tree being planted.

### Church Wardens



Please will you join us for a Special Parochial Church Meeting after the morning service on the 17th September. This is to elect Church Wardens. This is now very important as a church without Church Wardens does not look viable. Alan Keeler has written to all of the members of the Electoral Roll. The letter explains a way to make the job of Church Warden less onerous with a team of six people. Our Archdeacon Allie Kerr will be present to provide a wider point of view. Please do speak with Alan if you are thinking about stepping forward. A copy of the letter can be found here <https://d3hgrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net/5f1a79d215fe0/content/pages/documents/church-warden-letter.pdf>

### 160 in September – Celebrations 6th to 17th September



Please do come and join us for our celebratory events.

For website information

<https://www.stmarys-bromley.org.uk/happening-now/celebrating-160-years/>

### Ride and Stride



Thanks to all who are supporting the Boydens and Sopers for Ride and Stride on 9 September. Chris Soper will be collecting all the sponsorship money so please have this ready to give her so the paperwork can be completed and half can be passed on to the Friends of Kent Churches. St Mary's benefits from the other half.

### An Evening to Gather and Reminice – 7.30pm, Saturday 9th September in the church



Join us for an informal social, bring a bottle, some nibbles and memories of St. Mary's. Sadly the people who were to provide an event on this evening have had to withdraw. But it will be good to spend some time together and share what has been valuable, fun and touching.

### 160 Cream Tea



Do join us on Saturday 16th September for a delicious Cream Tea as part of the 160 year celebrations. There will also be the option of savoury scones for those who prefer something less sweet. Teas will be served between 2.30 pm – 4.30 pm in church. **Please use the sign-up sheet at the back of church to confirm numbers attending for catering purposes and to notify of any food allergies.** Alternatively, to reserve a place, please contact Anne Yolland on 0208 466 1939 or email [anne.yolland@outlook.com](mailto:anne.yolland@outlook.com) Donations are invited for the St Mary's murals restoration fund.

## Seedless Blackberry Jam



This is now on sale at the back of church. It will be available throughout the 160th celebrations.

All proceeds will go to the Mural Fund.

## Mothers' Union



Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 14th September at 10.00am in the Front Room of Church House. This will be a quiz morning, as in previous years, this will be organised and run by Chris and John Soper. All are welcome to come and join us for a fun morning.

## JusB – Project Manager required for a leadership position



The role involves project management, line management and strategic development. Location: Bromley. Hours: 16 – 20 per week. Pension contribution and opportunity to access training and development. If you are interested and would like to know more please contact David, chair of trustees, [david@jusb.co.uk](mailto:david@jusb.co.uk) for an application pack or visit our website [www.jusb.co.uk](http://www.jusb.co.uk)

Closing date: Monday 11th September 2023. Post subject to enhanced DBS and references.

## 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.

## 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.

## Refreshments Rota



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

If you would like to volunteer to help with this, 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 Digest

The Diocese of Rochester has an online publication called The Digest about wider news. You can find this on the Diocesan website or St. Mary's own website through the Community tab.

## Al-Emaan Centre Open Day – 11am to 4pm Saturday 23rd September



The Mosque at Keston is a beautiful building with a very welcoming community. It will be part of the national 'Visit My Mosque' initiative at Al-Emaan Centre, Croydon Road, BR2 8HF.

There will be plenty in store throughout the day for all members of the family, and not least refreshments & delicacies for all! For more information see <https://al-emaan.org.uk/>

## Table Top Sale on November 4th, 2-4pm 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](mailto: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](mailto:mary@fallfamily.co.uk)

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

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

## Prayer

### A Prayer for the week

Almighty God, source of all grace and mercy,  
we give you glory as we celebrate the life and work of St. Mary's.  
We praise you for the many blessings you have given  
to all those who have worshipped at this house of prayer.  
We pray that all who seek you in in this church may find you,  
and being filled with your Holy Spirit  
may become living temples showing your glory in the world,  
holy and acceptable in your sight,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.

### Requests for prayer

#### Weekly

Peter Boyden  
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 160th Celebration Service of Family Communion on 10th September:

Reading 1 Chronicles 29.10-13, 1 Peter 2.1-10, Matthew 7.24-29

Hymns	310	Lord for the years
	sheet	Let us build a house
	222	I am the bread of life
	378	O Lord all the world belongs to you

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

Since Easter the practice of distributing Holy Communion has changed. For details see here:

<https://www.stmarys-bromley.org.uk/worship/distribution-of-holy-communion/>

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