

# NEWS LETTER

## of St. Mary Bromley

6<sup>th</sup> June 2024

*“For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.”*

*2 Corinthians 4*

This is snippet of St Paul telling the Corinthians about living with faith, not needing to see or to know everything, but to trust in God's providence because clearly what we can see does not last forever, but they and we are called to put our faith in the eternal life of God, in God's great glory and in the kingdom of God which we cannot see. Faith, hope and love are the key words in Corinthians for all times and places.

### Sunday Club



It's an All Age Family Communion service on Sunday 9th June at 10.30 a.m. All families welcome.

### Evening Study Group - Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June, 8pm



The next meeting will be via Zoom on Tuesday 11 June at 8pm, when Debi Greer will be facilitating our thoughts on I Samuel 15, 34 -16.13; 2 Corinthians 5, 6-10 and 14-17; Mark 4, 26-34. Our next face-to-face meeting will be on 18 June and hosted by Trine. For further information please contact Peter Boyden.

### Archdeacon's Visitation Service – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June, 8pm

All are welcome to join Maria and Clem as they are formally admitted as Churchwardens at the Archdeacon's Visitation Service at the church of St Peter and St Paul in Bromley on Monday 17th June. The service starts at 8pm.

### And for those with long memories

and associations with St Mary's why not come at 10.30 and welcome back a former curate Rev. Gary Colville who is our president on 23rd June visiting us for the day?

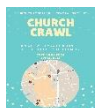
### Update on the vacancy

St Mary's PCC met Tuesday evening (4<sup>th</sup> June) to formally approve our parish profile and method for advertising and to appoint 2 parish representatives. This is known as the section 11 meeting.

We can announce that the vacancy will be advertised in Church Times, Pathways and the Diocese Website and Lisa Morris and Maria Staines will be our representatives to be involved in interviewing for our next vicar.

We would like to encourage everybody to share our parish profile on the St Mary's website home page <https://d3hgrrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net/5f1a79d215fe0/content/pages/documents/240604-st-marys-plaistow-parish-profile-final.pdf> with anyone who may know someone who is interested (and even those who aren't!) and 'like' and share our Facebook page posts to do our own bit of advertising. If you can think of somewhere that would like to display a poster (local supermarket, library etc) we can organise for some to be printed for you to display for us. Interviews will take place on 6th August.

## Churches Together in Central Bromley - Church Crawl – 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 12pm- 4pm



Explore with your friends the other Churches of Bromley. Further details to follow.

## Christian Aid Week



The total raised by St Mary's during CAW 2024 was £783.58, compared with £706.15 in 2023. Donations from the congregation and Grace Cafe users totalled £552; while John and Carole Beale collected £231.58 in Croft Road, Foxbury Road and Close, and Nichol Lane. Many thanks to all who donated and/or helped in any way. Peter Boyden

## Great North Swim & Swim Serpentine:



Emily Yolland is training hard to take up the challenge of swimming a mile in Windermere on 8th June. This time Emily will be 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 efforts to raise her target of £850 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 like to say 'thank you' to all those who have already kindly given sponsorship for the swim. Stop press... Emily will also be swimming an extra 1 mile on 14th September in the Serpentine Lake in Hyde Park!

## Churchyard Gardening



It's that time of year again and we need a couple of working groups so can you offer to help and suggest possible dates to Clem or Maria or Alison and then we can plan to have one or two working groups? Many thanks from us all.

## Grace Café



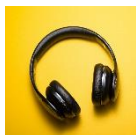
You are most welcome to join us between 10am to 12noon on Wednesdays. Please join the volunteers who host the Grace Cafe on Wednesdays. There is a sign-up sheet in the church. In case you haven't done it before, you will be with someone who has, so please join them and try it out.

## Refreshments Rota



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

## 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

Faithful Creator,  
whose mercy never fails:  
deepen our faithfulness to you  
and to your living Word,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### Requests for Prayer

#### Weekly

Merle Jones  
Rosemary Cubberley  
Nigel Benjamin  
(Lisa Morris's  
brother)

#### Monthly Week 2

John Edmonds  
Shelagh Frankham  
Richard Handforth

## 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 All Age Family Communion – 9th June 2024 – 2nd Sunday after Trinity**

**Readings**            2 Corinthians 4:13-ch 5:1; Mark 3:20-end

**Hymns**             277     Jesus shall reign where'er  
                         414     Peace perfect peace  
                         4        A new commandment  
                         10      All for Jesus! 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)*