

# NEWS LETTER

## of St. Mary Bromley

6<sup>th</sup> March 2025

**“When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, ‘Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.’**

*From John 8*

This quotation from the Ash Wednesday gospel is the ultimate challenge to those of us who are very keen to pass judgement on others and to punish them for wrongdoing. ‘Let anyone without sin be first to throw a stone..’ says Jesus. And we are silenced and embarrassed because especially in Lent we have no option but to confront our own sinfulness, and in our case to repent and ask forgiveness.

### Sunday Club



All children and parents are welcome to join us for the Sunday Club session on Sunday 9th March. We start in church at 10.30 a.m

### Lent Study Group – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March – 10<sup>th</sup> April, 10.30am – 12pm

The LENT Course starts on Thursday 6th March in the Buchan Hall at 10.00 for tea/coffee and 10.30 -12.00 for study followed by bread and soup lunch. We welcome Canon Gordon Giles to our meeting to introduce us to his book which we will study during Lent. At Home in Lent: An exploration of Lent through 46 objects. Sign up today if you want soup lunch. Just come along if you don't want lunch.

### World Day of Prayer 2025 – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 10.30am



St Joseph's Church, Plaistow Lane, BR1 3FH. All are welcome.

### St John's Lent Lecture – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm

The St John's Lent Lecture 2025



It's entitled 'God and AI' and will be held this year on Sunday 9th March at 7.30pm. Our annual Lent Lecture sees leading professionals in their field address tough questions of how biblical theology responds to the challenges of life in the 21st century. For our 2025

Lent Lecture we look forward to welcoming Graham Budd, who is the Executive Director of The Faraday Institute, which improves public understanding of religious beliefs in relation to sciences. His research interests are at the intersection of AI ethics and faith. Graham will be speaking on the topic **God and AI: Being human in a world of superintelligent machines**. All are welcome. Admission free.

### Churches Together in Central Bromley Lent Course 2025 – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March – 8<sup>th</sup> April



Six reflections on the Women in Jesus' Family Tree. Tuesdays 7.45pm – 9.30 at St Peter and St Paul's Church, Bromley, BR2 0EG. Admission free. All are welcome.

### Mothers' Union – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March – 10.00am



Our Lent Meeting will be held on Thursday 13th March, at 10.00am when the Revd. Neil Fairlamb will be our speaker. Many of you will know Neil for when he has been preaching at St Mary's during the last year. The meeting will be held in the Front Room of Church House— please do join us – all welcome.

## Spring Garden Open for Charity in Beckenham – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March



A delightful garden with an abundance of early Narcissus, Crocuses and Iris Reticulata.

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March 11 am – 2 pm. 47 Brabourne Rise, Beckenham BR3

6SD. Entrance by donation, all proceeds to St Christopher's. Light refreshments available. Bus 352. Parking in surrounding roads. <https://www.stchristophers.org.uk/brabourne>

## Lent Quiet Day – Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March, Feast of the Annunciation, 9.30am to 3.00pm



Please save the date for our Lent Quiet Day. This will take place on Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> in Church. Time: from 9.30 am ending with a Communion service at 3.00 pm.

All are welcome but we need to know how many people will attend for morning, afternoon, or just for Communion, for catering purposes. Please let Eucharia, Alison or Maria know if you would like to attend or sign up on the sheet at the back of Church.

## Good Friday CTCB Walk of Witness - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April, 11.00am

Good Friday CTCB Walk of Witness meet at SS Peter and Paul for 11.00am and process to service in High St at 11.15.

## Deanery Confirmation Service – 7<sup>th</sup> September



There will be a deanery confirmation service on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025. During this service, adults who wish to be baptised if they haven't been before will also be baptised and confirmed. Please let Atlanta or the vicar know if you will like to be confirmed. [Admin@stmarys-bromley.org.uk](mailto:Admin@stmarys-bromley.org.uk).

## Thank you

I will like to use this opportunity to thank everyone who attended our Mural Restoration thanksgiving service last Sunday. Thank you to all who helped out in any way to ensure that the service and event was a success. May God continue to bless you all immensely. Amen 🙏

## Mural's Renovation Celebration Refreshments

A big thank you to the hospitality team plus additional helpers in providing a warm welcome and excellent selection of savoury and sweet foods and hot/cold beverages for all our invited guests and regular congregation to enjoy on 2nd March after the murals thanksgiving service.

## Electoral Roll

This year we need to compile a new electoral roll ahead of the APCM in May. Being on the electoral roll allows you to vote on church matters, or stand for the PCC. This year even those on the current roll will need to reregister. Forms are available at the back of church (on the red box) or on the website [https://www.stmarys-bromley.org.uk/content/pages/documents/250303-form\\_1\\_application\\_for\\_enrolment\\_church\\_electoral\\_roll-1.pdf](https://www.stmarys-bromley.org.uk/content/pages/documents/250303-form_1_application_for_enrolment_church_electoral_roll-1.pdf) Completed forms must be received by 20<sup>th</sup> April (Easter Sunday) and returned to the red box in church. Alternatively they can be scanned and emailed to [admin@stmarys-bromley.org.uk](mailto:admin@stmarys-bromley.org.uk) or posted to FAO Michael Clements - Parish Office, St Mary's Church House, 61 College Road, Bromley, BR1 3QG.

## Painted Pictures



Trine has pictures painted by her father over the course of his long life, which she would like to find a good home for. If you are interested in a picture, they are in the Big Yellow storage depot in Farwig Lane. Please speak to Trine if you would like to see them. If you like any of them, they are yours. In return she asks that you give a donation to the charity of your choice

## Food Bank



Please remember that Bromley Food Bank and the Starter Packs Project at St Peter and St Paul (the Parish Church) are always in need of supplies. As Easter is coming try and include chocolate or Easter eggs into your donations.

## Easter Eggs



The new 2025 edition is available, and the 'Real Easter Egg' is the only fairtrade one with the Easter story in the box. The milk chocolate and dark chocolate eggs are also plastic and palm oil free. The milk chocolate egg is available at £6.20, and the dark chocolate egg is £7. These eggs are no longer available in supermarkets. To obtain one of these eggs, please sign the sheet at the back of church or contact Anne Yolland. Please order early as supplies may be limited due to a climate-related global cocoa shortage.

## Grace Café



We meet in the church building on Wednesdays between 10am to 12 noon 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.

## Prayer

### A Prayer for the week

Holy God,  
our lives are laid open before you:  
rescue us from the chaos of sin  
and through the death of your Son  
bring us healing and make us whole  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### Requests for Prayer Weekly

The family and friends  
of Richard H  
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of John E  
John C  
Olive  
Richard  
(Barbara B cousin)  
Andrew  
Patricia  
Tony  
John S  
Luci  
Stuart (Sylvia's family  
member)  
The family and friends  
of Tom  
Pam  
Roger and Grace  
(Sarah Evans' parents)

### Monthly Week 2

Shelagh Frankham



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 – Sunday 9th March - First Sunday in Lent**

**Readings** Deuteronomy 26.1-11; Romans 10.8b-13; Luke 4.1-13

**Hymns**

287	Just as I am, without a plea.
315	Lead us heavenly father lead us
121	Father, I place into your hands
225	I, the Lord of sea and sky

## Hymns and Readings Rota

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

**Please can contributions for the Newsletter now be given to Atlanta Topham by 5pm on a Tuesday**