

# NEWS LETTER

8 November 2023

## of St. Mary Bromley

*But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.*

*1 Thessalonians 4.13*



It is Remembrance Sunday this week. It is a solemn day to reflect on the reality of war. There are words to be said, wreaths to be laid and also silence to be expressed. Through this we acknowledge the sacrifices of the past and also the continued suffering of the present time.

The Family Service for November will take place on the 19th of this month.

### Sunday Clubs



All children and parents are welcome to join us for the Sunday Clubs session on Sunday 12 November. We start in church at 10.30 a.m.

### Poppies



There are knitted poppies at the back of church. These have been knitted by members of the Mothers' Union. A suggested donation of £2 will go to the Royal British Legion.

### Children's Society Christmas Cards



Georgia Collins our local Children's society rep will be with us on Sunday morning. She will have a range of attractive cards for sale to support a society that is dear to St. Mary's church. Payment by cash or cheque. This will be her last visit this year.

### Mothers' Union



Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 9th November, at 10.00am in the Front Room of Church House. Our speaker, Beverley Nicklin from Bromley Trading Standards will be talking to us about Scams and Rogue Traders. All very welcome.

### Welcare in Bromley – Service of Thanksgiving Monday 13th November 11.30am

All are welcome to attend their annual service at Bromley Parish Church. This is always a joyful service which contains a lot of thanks for the work locally with families who need support. Our local Parish School will be adding some singing items and the service is followed by a Buffet Lunch.

### Jigsaw Sale With Books – Saturday November 18th, 10.00am to 12 noon



This will be in the Church Porch, with paperback books outside. There will be refreshments inside the church with Homemade Cake. Offers of cake will be appreciated. Please contact Mary Fall (0208 464 1239) or [mary@fallfamily.co.uk](mailto:mary@fallfamily.co.uk)  
Free entry and prices from 50p to £3 All proceeds will go to the Mural Fund.

## JusB – New Project Manager



The trustees are pleased to announce that Tina Jalloh has been appointed as the new Project Manager of the JusB youth charity in College Road. Tina has previously headed-up the Youth Work team as the Lead Youth Engagement worker since early 2020. Tina is looking forward to taking JusB through into the next chapter of its 20 years of working with young people in what can be difficult and challenging times for charities at present. Tina can be contacted at [tina@jusb.co.uk](mailto:tina@jusb.co.uk)

## The Meaningful Advent Calendars



These will be available to order again this year. Please sign the form at the back of church or contact Anne Yolland on [anne.yolland@outlook.com](mailto:anne.yolland@outlook.com) Each calendar comes with a free Christmas Story book. Cost: £4.50. These advent calendars are not available in supermarkets. Please place an order by the 19th November.



Careplus aims to provide free local volunteer support for older people locally. Their needs are met for befriending, social support and practical assistance. This is undertaken by volunteers who give support in the form of befriending, shopping and transport. Please consider helping Careplus. It will also be wonderful if there could be a representative of St. Mary's Church to be on the organising committee which meets three times a year. Please speak with Alan Keeler if you would like to know more. Or visit <http://www.careplusbromley.org.uk>

## 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.

## Refreshments Rota



Many thanks to all who willingly and regularly serve refreshments on a Sunday morning after the service. If you would like to volunteer to help, 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.

## Prayer

### A Prayer for the week

God, our refuge and strength,  
bring near the day when wars shall cease  
and poverty and pain shall end,  
that earth may know the peace of heaven  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Requests for prayer

#### Weekly

Daisy Batt  
Friend of Alison Tyler  
David Collins  
Eileen White's brother

#### Monthly Week 2

John Edmonds  
Shelagh Frankham  
Richard Handforth  
Peter Henwood

## Worship, Prayer and Fellowship



Looking ahead there will be Candlelit Compline in Advent on Saturdays 2, 9, 16, 23 December at 6pm

Our service on Sundays are Live Streamed. See <https://www.facebook.com/stmarysbromley/>

At our 10.30am Family Communion on 12th November:

Reading	Amos 5.18-24, 1 Thessalonians 4.13-end, Matthew 25.1-13	
Hymns	366	O God our help in ages past
	490	The Lord's my shepherd
	177	God save our gracious King
	172	God is working his purpose out
	405	One more step along the world I go

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

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