

NEWS LETTER

of St. Mary Bromley

8th August 2024

Jonah 3:10 NIV

When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

I love the story of Jonah for a whole raft of reasons, but the best one of all is that God forgave, he changed his mind because the people of Nineveh repented, because God had threatened destruction. Which means they also changed their mind, and everything else about them, because they experienced metanoia, (from the Greek) a complete reorientation, and a fundamental transformation of their outlook, and of their world view their view of the world and of themselves, and a new way of loving others and God. All this happened just because Jonah preached to them, against his will maybe, God 's love for them and God's desire for them to repent. Just Excellent.

Sunday Club



It's an All Age Family Communion service on Sunday 11th August at 10.30 a.m. We will hear the story of Jonah. All families welcome.

SUMMER BREAK NEWS

Sunday Club

We're having a summer break. Please make use of the toys, books, pens and paper in the Family Zone.

Evening Study Group

Evening Study Group will be having a break during August, with the next meeting on Tuesday 3 September 2024. Any enquiries to Peter Boyden.

Pastoral Team

St Mary's Bromley Pastoral Team will not be meeting in August. The last meeting will be on the 30th July and recommences on the 3rd September. If you need to contact us, we will still be available by phone or email.

Grace Café

The 30th July will be the last Grace Cafe this summer. It will resume in September.

Ian Allured



Ian Allured's funeral will take place on Thursday 29th August 2024 at 2.00pm in St Andrew's Church, Corhampton SO32 3NE.

Churchyard Gardening – Saturday 7th September



We will be holding gardening mornings on the first Saturday of the month if fine and Church cleaning indoors if wet. The next date is the 7th September. We have a lovely church yard so please do join us to help keep it up. Tea and biscuits - maybe Cake - to follow.

Cream Tea – Saturday 7th September, 2.30pm



Do join us for a cream or savoury tea on Saturday 7th September, 2.30 pm – 5 pm in church. Please let us know if you plan to attend by signing up on the sheet at the back of church or let Anne Yolland know

Ride and Stride – Saturday 14th September



Ride and Stride for Friends of Kent Churches is on **Saturday 14th September** this year, it's 75th anniversary. Last year this event raised £140,029 and St Mary's hopes to take part again. Therefore, we need your help. Are you willing to visit participating churches and chapels on that date or help keep St Mary's open...Can you provide sponsorship? This event will be combined with **London Open House** at the same time. Please let Chris Soper know and add the date to your diary.

Save the Date - Christmas Fair - Saturday 30th November

If you would like to be part of the planning, there is a sign-up sheet at the back of the Church.

Parish Magazine – Deadline for Articles - 18th August 2024

The next issue of Parish Magazine will be the September edition. If you are starting up any new project or restarting meetings or classes and would like to advertise, please let the editors have any information by 18 August. Email to joc1947@msn.com or leave info at back of Church. Any other contributions would be most welcome. Jo Clark.

Plant sale - growing success – an email received



I hope this email finds you well.

I purchased a busy lizzie cutting from your plant sale a couple of months ago, and wanted to show you it now.

After weeks of care, here it is now! Please kindly see attached photo.

I am delighted with it, and it makes me happy everytime I go into my garden and see it!

I will be back again when you next have a sale.

Kind regards

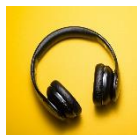
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Refreshments Rota



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

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your
kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Requests for Prayer

Weekly
Merle
Olive
Nigel
(Lisa M brother)
Richard
(Barbara B cousin)
Andrew

Monthly Week 2

John
Shelagh
Richard

Intercessions

In future as part of our safeguarding practice we will only use first names on the prayer list and on the Newsletter as a way of keeping unnecessary spread of information to a minimum

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.

Worship, Prayer and Fellowship

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

At our 10.30am All Age Communion – 11th August 2024 - 11th Sunday after Trinity

Readings The story of Jonah

Hymns	252	Inspired by love and anger omit v5	Neil Fairlamb
	167	God forgave my sin in Jesus's name	Nina Acurie
	293	Lead us heavenly father Lead us	Peter Boyden
	114	Eternal father strong to save	Jill Spence

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*