

of St. Mary Bromley

But when the disciples saw Jesus walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear.

But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'
Matthew 14.26,27



There are many words to describe the experience that the disciples faced; fear, fright, and anxiety are just some of them. We might have felt these and more. We would like life to be dependable and to have confidence and peace with all that happens. But the unexpected will take place and we can be thrown into turmoil. As above Jesus might be part of this and rather than giving comfort he is leading us beyond what we are used to. Prevent is a word that we usually take to mean stopping something happening. But its real root is to go before. The unknown is a place that Jesus has already gone to and so when the unknown takes place in our lives we can trust he is master of the future even if we cannot see it at the moment.

Sunday Club



We're on Summer holiday until September.

Please make use of the toys, books, story bags and activity sheets.

Mothers' Union Coffee Morning



This will be held on 10th August 2023 in the Church Porch and, weather permitting, outside area. All proceeds to go to Mothers' Union Summer of Hope Appeal. We would be grateful of any offers of cakes or help please. Margaret's contact details: 0208 851 5180; 07711654647; margaret.eames4@gmail.com or Mary 0208 464 1239; mary@fallfamily.co.uk.

All visitors very welcome to come and join us.

Parish Magazine

The next edition of the parish magazine is being prepared. We will be delighted if you would like to submit an article or item of news. The deadline is Saturday 12th August.

160 in September – Celebrations 6th to 17th September



We now have a provisional programme for our celebrations. Details can be found on the website. Immediately there are two initial things to look out for. We will be opening the church building for visitors for most days during this period. Please think about being a steward. There will be a plan and sign up sheet in the church for people to do this. The other thing is that we will be leafletting the parish and bundles of leaflets will be available from Sunday 20 August. Please do think about taking a bundle and telling our parish about St. Mary's.

For the website go to <https://www.stmarys-bromley.org.uk/happening-now/celebrating-160-years/>

Ride and Stride



Sponsorship forms are now available for Ride and Stride on Saturday 9th September. If you plan to join in by visiting churches or by sponsoring a 'Ride and Strider' please take a form or speak to Chris Soper for more information. We also need volunteers to welcome visitors to St Mary's and offer refreshments on the day.

Please consider giving some time that Saturday and perhaps even find sponsorship to support your welcoming role. All monies raised will go to St Mary's and Kent Churches on a 50/50 basis. Thank you.

Corrie ten Boom's The Hiding Place (12A)

The Hiding Place is the famous story of how a family of Christians in Holland helped to rescue many Jews from the Nazis by hiding them in their home. This is showing at Bromley's Picturehouse cinema on Wed. 16th August at 7.30pm. It is a cinema showing of a gripping theatre production from the USA being shown internationally as an Event Cinema. Event Cinema showings start on time, there are not 25 minutes of adverts and trailers. Meet up in the foyer 20 minutes before the film starts.

Summer Art



Bromley Art Society have an exhibition in the Glades from Tuesday 11th July - Sunday 20th August. Located on the first floor next to the NHS Hub. All works for sale.

Further information www.bromleyartsociety.org.uk or see flyer at back of church.

Murals Fundraising Update – Good news continues.

We have recently heard that a recommendation has been made to the Church Buildings Council to grant us £5,000. Another £5,000 bid has also been submitted to the William and Jane Morris Fund. A further £5,000 is expected soon from a bequest. Members of the congregation have also been generously donating. They have contributed nearly £2,500 since the first of June. We would hope to raise as much as possible before the end of December both to benefit from the 'match funding' offer and permit work to start before prices increase further. Please consider how you might be able to help.

Contact Alan Keeler or John Beale if you want to know more.

Table Top Sale



Looking ahead to November 4th, plans are afoot to raise funds towards the Church Mural restoration. If you are interested or know of anyone that would like to hire a table for the afternoon please save the date. Enquiries to Carole Beale at carole.beale@yahoo.com

Grace Café



We have broken up for August and will recommence on the 6 September.

You will be most welcome to join the volunteers who host the Grace Cafe on Wednesdays. There is a sign up sheet in the church if you would like to help run the café.

Prayer

A Prayer for the week

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples
to be persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Requests for prayer

Weekly

Keith Boyden
David Collins
Eileen White's brother
Geoff Lloyd
Penny Smith
Trine Hevezi and Martin
Cardwell's friend

Monthly Week 2

Denis Dodds
John Edmonds
Shelagh Frankham
Richard Handforth

Worship, Prayer and Fellowship

Our service on Sunday will be Live Streamed. See <https://www.facebook.com/stmarysbromley/>

At our 10.30am Family Communion this Sunday:

Reading	1 Kings 19.9-18, Romans 10.5-15, Matthew 14.22-33
Hymns	Chosen by the congregation in August
76	Christ is made the sure foundation
392	O thou who camest from above
101	Come ye thankful people come
235	I the Lord of sea and sky

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.