

NEWS LETTER

of St. Mary Bromley

9th May 2024

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses and to the ends of the earth.'

Acts 1:8

These are Jesus last words to his disciples and so in effect to us as well, how very exciting the promise of the needful power, and that will also include the skill and the grace to be witnesses to the risen Christ – wonderful promise for a daunting about joyful and essential task.

A new service!



The All Age Family Communion service replaces the monthly Family Service. The service on Sunday 12th May has a Christian Aid theme. All families very welcome.

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Christian Aid Week – 12th – 18th May



Christian Aid Week Starts this Sunday (12th), with a CA theme to the morning service. Envelopes will be available in church for donations to this worthwhile cause. Please return them to Grace Cafe on 15 and 22 May, or via the collection plate on Sundays 19 and 26 May. Thank you for your support, Peter Boyden.

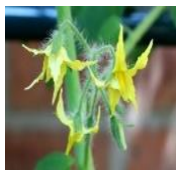
Evening Study Group – Tuesday 14th May, 8pm

Evening Study Group meets via Zoom at 8pm on Tuesday 14 May to study the readings for 19 May: Acts 2, 1-12; Romans 8, 22-27; John 16, 4b-15. For login details and further information please contact Peter Boyden.

Deanery Confirmation – Sunday 19th May

Please pray for the people in our Deanery who are preparing for their confirmation on Sunday 19th May at St Mary's Hayes at 10.30am including Sheila Crimmin from St Mary's. It would be lovely if some of us from St Mary's went with Sheila to Hayes to show our support.

Plant Sale – Saturday 18th May, 10.00am – 12.00pm in Church House



Plants are growing well and will be on sale in the Buchan Hall and outside. There will be a RAFFLE, TEA/COFFEE and CAKE in the Front Room. Offers of cake, including the variety, will be much appreciated by Mary Fall (mary@fallfamily.co.uk or 07801271202) or Anne Yolland (anne.yolland@outlook.com or 07929756295). All proceeds to Mothers' Union project Away from it All.

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



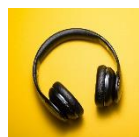
You are most welcome to join us between 10am to 12noon on Wednesdays. Please join the volunteers who host the Grace Cafe on Wednesdays. There is a sign-up sheet in the church. In case you haven't done it before, you will be with someone who has, so please join them and try it out.

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

Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and
compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen

Requests for Prayer

Weekly

Merle Jones
Pat Coomber
Anthia Page and her
family

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.

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 – 12th May 2024 – 7th Sunday of Easter

Readings Psalm 86: 31-40; Matthew 25: 31-40

Hymns 277 Jesus shall reign
9 All creatures of our God and King v1-4

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

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Atlanta's email is admin@stmarys-bromley.org.uk*