



ST MARY'S CHURCH BROMLEY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Sunday 23rd August 2026



REFLECTION

*Who Is Jesus to You? "He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven." **Matthew 16: 16 - 17***

*Peter's confession invites us to ask a deeply personal question: Who do you say Jesus is? Beyond what others tell us, do we truly know Christ as Messiah, Saviour, and Son of the living God? Faith is not simply knowing about Jesus, but recognising who he is to us and allowing that truth to shape our lives each day. **Amen** 🙏*

SUNDAY WORSHIP · 23th AUGUST · 12th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY WITH BAPTISM

10.30AM PARISH COMMUNION	HYMNS	CHOSEN BY
Bible Readings: Exodus 1.8 – 2.10 Romans 12.1- 8 Matthew 16: 13 - 20	242: Immortal invisible. (Inspirational and powerful) 148: The Servant king 60: Bind us together, Lord. (Joyful) 317: Lord, the Light of your love is shining	Sally Olivia's family Molly Lawrence's family

Our hymns for August have been chosen by members of our church family. Thank you to everyone who has shared their favourite hymns.

SUNDAY CLUB — SUMMER BREAK (26th JULY – 30th AUGUST)



Sunday Club is having its summer break from 26th July to 30th August. Families are very welcome to use the resources — toys, books, and activity sheets — in the Family Zone, but there is no formal club running during the holidays.

Sunday 6th September: Sunday Club starts again!

PASTORAL CARE & PRAYER



If you need Pastoral Care or would like to request prayer for yourself or someone else, please contact our Pastoral Assistant, **Anthia Page** (anthiapage@gmail.com) or add the name to the form at the back of church.

For a copy of the daily prayer list for use at home, please contact **Rev Eucharis**.

Please Hold in Prayer: Richard (Barbara's Cousin), Manisha S, Richard M, Pat C, Simon E, Gemma Mc, John B (Sheila K's brother-in-law). This week we pray for all who use our house and hall facilities. May God's blessings and peace be with them.

NOTICES

1. Group Basic Awareness Safeguarding Training — Monday 7th September, 2.30pm at Church There will be a group basic awareness safeguarding training for all volunteers. A sign-up sheet is available at the back of the church. If you haven't done the training or yours is about to expire, this is an opportunity to sign up and do the training as a group. Please contact Anne Yolland for more information.

2. It's Your Calling — Saturday 31st October 2026, 9.30am–3.30pm at St John's Centre, Meopham
It's Your Calling is aimed at those exploring where God may be calling them, looking at our journey and the gifts God has given us, as well as the biblical understanding of vocation. The day offers a chance to meet others on a similar quest and to think about where God could be calling you, with an opportunity afterwards to speak informally with a Vocations Adviser. Please let **Rev Eucharistia** know if you would like to attend. Please click on this link [Everyday calling - Diocese of Rochester](#), for more information.

3. Creation Season — 1st September to 4th October 2026 - More details to follow.



4. Easy Fundraising St Mary's Church is now registered with Easy Fundraising. All are welcome to sign up and choose St Mary's Church as their charity. If you shop online through their website, a percentage of your spending is given back to St Mary's — **visit easyfundraising.org.uk or scan the QR code** for more information.

CHURCH SPIRE URGENT APPEAL



During our recent roof repairs (which cost **£24,000**), it was discovered that our church spire is resting on rotting timbers and is currently unsafe. Unfortunately, the vital restoration work will cost approximately **£37,000. Which comes to a total of £61,000.**



Please prayerfully consider how much you can donate to help preserve our church. Please contact **John Beale** (johns.beale@yahoo.co.uk, 07932637005) for more details or make a secure contribution online today.

Donate Online: You can give securely via the [St Mary's Giving Page www.stmarys-bromley.org.uk/giving/](http://www.stmarys-bromley.org.uk/giving/)

Or by Cheque payable to: St Marys Plaistow PCC

Bank Transfer: Pay the ST MARY PCC account (Account: **42417198** | Sort Code: **60-04-02**), using "Church Spire Donation" as your reference.

FRIENDS OF KENT CHURCHES 'RIDE AND STRIDE' - Sat 12th September

St Mary's is again supporting this **Friends of Kent Churches** annual event. A record **£153k** was raised last year and grants of **£176k** were awarded to Kent places of worship for repairs and conservation. We need volunteers to both visit Churches and also keep St Mary's open on 12/09/26 to welcome visitors. Sponsorship for these volunteers is warmly welcomed. Please contact **Chris Soper** at church or on cmsoper10@gmail.com

GRACE CAFÉ — A PLACE OF WELCOME



Join us for a drink, cake, and a chat every **Wednesday, 10:00am–12:00 noon.**

Please note that Grace Café is having a little **summer break in August**. We look forward to welcoming you again from **Wednesday 2nd September**. Thank you to all the Grace Café volunteers — your hard work is highly appreciated. Have a blessed August break!



BAPTISM

Please pray also for **Olivia and Lawrence**, and their families, who are getting baptised this **Sunday, 23rd August 2026**. All are welcome.



MOTHERS' UNION

M.U. invite you to attend a **games morning** on **10th September, 10:00 AM–12:00 PM**, in the front room of Church House. All are welcome to join us; please consider bringing a friend.



WEDDING

Please pray for Paul, Lerato, and their families as they prepare for their wedding on **Saturday, 19th September 2026**.



MESSY VINTAGE LAUNCH - 28th September 2026, 2:30pm – 3:45pm

We are excited to announce that Messy Vintage will be starting on **28th September 2026** at St Mary's Church. Please pray for **Anthia, Sheila C**, and the Messy Vintage team as they prepare for this new ministry. Look out for the Flyers in church this Sunday and take one for yourself and take one for a friend.



DEANERY CONFIRMATION — SUNDAY 11th OCTOBER, 4.00PM

Please let **Rev Eucharis** know if you would like to be confirmed so that you can be added to the list for the Deanery Confirmation on Sunday, which will take place on Sunday, 11th October 2026 at St John's, Bromley at 4.00 pm. **Confirmation classes will start soon.**



SPONSORING CHURCH FLOWERS FOR A SPECIAL OCCASION

Church flowers may be sponsored to mark a special occasion, such as a birthday, anniversary, or in loving memory of someone dear. Such gifts help enhance the beauty of the church for worship and are a meaningful way to acknowledge important moments in the life of our church family.

If you would like a special floral arrangement, please contact **Anne Yolland** (anne.yolland@outlook.com).



EVENING STUDY GROUP

Evening Study continues every **Tuesday, 8.00pm to 9.00pm** via Zoom. Please contact **Peter Boyden** (pbboyden@yahoo.co.uk) for more details.



SAVE THE DATES

Music Concert (Black History Month): Saturday, 3rd October 2026, 4.00pm–6.00pm

St Mary's Quiet Day: Thursday, 15th October 2026, 10am–3pm



COMMUNITY PAYBACK

The Community Payback team works every **Saturday, 10:00am to 4:00pm**. Thank you to all involved.



DONATIONS WANTED — BROMLEY BOROUGH FOODBANK

Donations of **non-perishable food, toiletries, and household essentials** are always deeply appreciated. Please leave your donations in the foodbank orange box at the back of the church. Thank you for your kindness, generosity, and faithful witness to God's love in our community.



PARISH MAGAZINE

The July/August edition of the Parish Magazine is available on the table at the back of church. Items for the September edition should be sent to the editor, **Alison T** (alisonrtyler@gmail.com), by **Tuesday, 25th August**. Thanks! Alison



BROMLEY BOROUGH GOSPEL PROJECT

Transform Bromley Borough has a vision to place Mark's Gospel into the hands of people across Bromley this Christmas, and to create opportunities for follow-up through Discovery Bible Study groups. Churches are encouraged to contribute towards the cost of the books. Please let **Rev Eucharis** know if you would like to make a donation so that St Mary's Church can secure at least three boxes, **at a total cost of approximately £150.**



ADVERTISE IN OUR PARISH MAGAZINE

We offer advertising for a year, a six-month subscription, or as a one-off. Please contact **John Beale** (johns.beale@yahoo.co.uk) for magazine advertising enquiries.

SERVICES & EVENTS — AUGUST 2026

DATE	EVENT
Sun 23 th Aug · 10.00am	Parish Communion with Baptism
Sun 30 th Aug · 10.00am	Parish Communion

REGULAR ACTIVITIES AT ST MARY'S

DATE	EVENT
1 st Tuesdays	Morning Prayer in church
Every Tuesday	Morning Prayer at 9:00am via Zoom (contact Rev Eucharis for the Zoom link)
Every Tuesday	Evening Study Group at 8:00pm by Zoom or in-person
Every 3 rd Thursday of the month	Knit & Knatter Group led by Mothers' Union · 10:00am–12 noon
Every Thursday	Choir Practice · 7:30pm–8:30pm
Every 1 st Saturday	Church Cleaning · 10:00am–12:00 noon
Every Saturday	Community Payback Volunteers · 10:00am–4:00pm

COLLECT

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 🙏 Amen

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

To add items or get our weekly newsletter, please send your updates by email to admin@stmarys-bromley.org.uk by **Tuesday evening** at the latest.

VICAR For Parish Ministry enquiries please contact Rev Eucharis Asiegbu . vicarstmarysbromley@gmail.com 020 3612 0110	PARISH ADMIN For Parish Admin enquiries please contact Manisha Sharma Tues 10–1pm · Wed (wfh in Aug) · Thu 10–2pm admin@stmarys-bromley.org.uk 020 8466 6969	HALL BOOKING For Hall booking enquiries please contact Atlanta Topham stmaryshouseandhall@gmail.com 079 5174 8155	PLEASE FOLLOW US on our social media pages. Our Sunday service is live streamed. facebook.com/stmarysbromley/ instagram.com/stmarysbromley/ youtube.com/@StMarysBromley
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