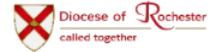


ST MARY'S CHURCH BROMLEY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Sunday 30th August 2026



REFLECTION

"Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?'"

Matthew 16: 21 - end

What does it mean to take up our cross and follow Christ?

It means to follow Christ faithfully, even when discipleship is difficult or requires sacrifice. This includes denying ourselves, and not putting our own desires, comfort, or ambitions first, but choosing God's will. Following Christ calls us to love, share, forgive, serve, and remain faithful to God in all circumstances. Jesus reminds us that true life is not found in gaining the world, but in giving ourselves to God. When we surrender our lives to Christ, we discover the deeper life He promises to all who follow Him faithfully. **Amen** 🙏

SUNDAY WORSHIP · 30th AUGUST · 13th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10.30AM PARISH COMMUNION	HYMNS	CHOSEN BY
Bible Readings: Exodus 3.1 – 15 Romans 105.1- 6, 23-26, 45b Matthew 16: 21- end	231: I heard the voice of Jesus say. (Jesus is the living water) 389: O sacred head, surrounded by crowns. (A fitting reminder of Christ's suffering before his glorious resurrection) 246: In heavenly love abiding (Based on Psalm 23 and remembering a lovely lady who is no longer with us) 328: Make me a channel of your peace. (Inspirational)	Nnamdi Barbara Margaret E. Sue C

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 Eucharía**.

Please Hold in Prayer: Richard (Barbara's Cousin), Richard M, Pat C, Simon E, Gemma Mc, John B (Sheila K's brother-in-law). **This week we pray for all children, young people, and school staff who are returning to school or starting work this September.**

NOTICES



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



2. 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.



3. 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.



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. Thank you to everyone who shops through our Easy fundraising portal and supports our charity. Every little helps!

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](http://www.stmarys-bromley.org.uk/giving/) 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



BAPTISM

We give god thanks for **Olivia and Lawrence's Baptism**, which took place on **Sunday, 23rd August 2026**. We look forward to **George's Baptism** soon.

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!



MOTHERS UNION - CHRISTMAS LUNCH

We are hoping to hold our Christmas lunch on **Thursday, 3rd December** at the **Toby Carvery, Bromley Common**, and members and their partners are warmly invited.



As we need to book very soon, please let **Carole Beale** know via phone or email by **Wednesday, 2nd September** if you plan to attend.



MOTHERS' UNION - GAMES MORNING

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.



PRAYER BREAKFAST WITH TALK

Join us for our first monthly Prayer Breakfast and talk at the church. This will be a **Bring and Share breakfast** held from **9:00 am to 10:00 am on Saturday, 12th September 2026**. Moving forward, this gathering will take place on the **second Saturday of every month**.



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 Eucharika** 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** (pboyden@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 **September** edition of the Parish Magazine will be available soon.



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 – SEPTEMBER 2026

DATE	EVENT
Sun 30 th Aug · 10.00am	Parish Communion
Sun 6 th Sep · 10.00am	Parish Communion
Sun 13 th Sep · 10.00am	Parish Communion
Sun 20 th Sep · 10.00am	Parish Communion
Sun 27 th Sep · 10.00am	Parish Communion with Baptism

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 Eucharika 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
Every 2 nd Saturday	Prayer Breakfast with Talk · 9am – 10am
Every 2 nd Sunday	BCP · 8:30am & Family Service · 10:30am

COLLECT

Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; 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 Eucharika Asiegbu . vicarstmarysbromley@gmail.com 020 3612 0110	PARISH ADMIN For Parish Admin enquiries please contact Manisha Sharma Tues 10–1pm · Wed 10–1pm · 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/@St.MarysBromley Eventbrite.com/o/st-marys-church-bromley-121637821932
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