

ST MARY'S CHURCH BROMLEY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Sunday 27th September 2026



CREATION SEASON

REFLECTION

"And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'" **Matthew 3:16-17**

This bible passage gives us a beautiful image of baptism: **water, the Spirit, and the voice of God saying, "This is my Son, whom I love."** As we celebrate Creation Season, we are reminded that water is one of God's precious gifts. It gives life, renews the earth, and sustains every living thing. Today, this same water becomes a sign of new life for all being baptised. In baptism we welcome people into God's family. Just as God looked upon Jesus with love, God looks upon us and says, in effect: **"You are my beloved child."** Amen 🙏

SUNDAY WORSHIP · 27th SEPTEMBER · 17th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10.30AM PARISH COMMUNION

BIBLE READINGS:

Exodus 17:1 - 7
Matthew 3: 11-17

HYMNS

173: God moves in a mysterious way
235: Here I am Lord.
158: Glorious things of thee have spoken
317: Shine Jesus shine

SUNDAY CLUB - GOD'S WONDERFUL WORLD



During Creation Season the Sunday Club sessions are about **God's wonderful world**. **All children are welcome to join** us for Sunday's session about **animals**. We start in church at **10.30 a.m.**

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), Pat C, Simon E, Gemma Mc, John B (Sheila K's brother-in-law), Lindsey (Friend of Peter and Frances). **This week**, we pray for George, his parents, God parents, friends and family as he prepares for his baptism.

NOTICES

1. CREATION SEASON - 1st September to 4th October 2026 - Living Waters - Looking After God's Wonderful World. This year's global theme for Creation Season is **"Living Waters,"** inspired by **Ezekiel 47:1 - 12**, and our Church theme, **"Looking after God's Wonderful World."** These themes invite us to reflect on the precious gift of water and our responsibility to care for all of God's creation.



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. 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 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.

BAPTISM



Everyone is invited to support and pray for **baby George**, his parents & God parents as he gets baptised this, **Sunday, 27th September 2026**. May the light of Christ continue to shine upon them. Amen 🙏



GRACE CAFÉ - A PLACE OF WELCOME

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



PRAYER BREAKFAST WITH TALK

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our **first Prayer Breakfast**, and a special thank you to **Maria** for sharing such a thoughtful and inspiring talk. We are grateful for the fellowship, prayers and conversations we shared. **The next Prayer Breakfast** is scheduled for **Saturday, October 10th, from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM** at the church, **featuring Mike** as the speaker.



KNIT AND KNATTER

It was a real joy to hear Irene share with the Knit and Knatter group last Thursday about the work her team does through the Rise Up programme. We are grateful to her for taking the time to show and tell us more about the work and the difference it makes to the lives of the community.



WEDDING

It was lovely to have so many of you with us in church on Saturday to celebrate Paul and Lerato's wedding. Thank you for your support, prayers, and best wishes for them on this special occasion. May God bless them abundantly and guide them as they begin this new chapter of their life together. Amen 🙏



MESSY VINTAGE LAUNCH - 28TH SEPTEMBER 2026, 2:15 PM - 3:45PM

All are welcome to the launch of Messy Vintage launch this Monday, **28th September 2026** at St Mary's Church between 2.15 pm and 3.45 pm. Please pray for **Anthia, Sheila C**, and the Messy Vintage team as they prepare for this new ministry.



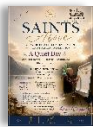
MUSIC CONCERT (BLACK HISTORY MONTH) - SATURDAY, 3rd OCT, 4:00PM - 6:30PM

Celebrate Black History Month at our annual St Mary's Bromley Community Concert. Enjoy an **extravaganza of diverse music and refreshments**, with a **minimum £10 donation** supporting local church services. All are welcome - **book your tickets now using the QR code or contact Clem at events@stmarysbromley.org.uk**



DEANERY CONFIRMATION - SUNDAY 11th OCTOBER, 4.00PM

Confirmation classes continue on Sunday, **27th September** in the **Family Zone at church**. We look forward to exploring more about our journey together in faith, learning and fellowship.



ST MARY'S QUIET DAY - THURSDAY, 15th OCTOBER 2026, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Join us for "**Saints Above**," a Quiet Day of prayer, contemplation, and solitary reflection. **Refreshments and lunch will be provided.** Those wishing to attend are kindly asked to **sign up on the form** available at the back of the church. **Everyone is warmly welcome.**



GENTLE EXERCISE - THURSDAY 22nd OCTOBER 10AM TO 12 NOON

The **Mothers' Union** is hosting a '**Gentle Exercise**' session on **Thursday 22nd October (10am – 12 noon)** in the **Buchan Hall**. The movements are suitable for all abilities and can be done seated. **All are welcome** - you do not need to be a member to attend!



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. The Evening Study Group will begin a new study with an in-depth look at a book entitled ***What is Religion?***, by an author named Alvares. For further information please contact **Peter Boyden**.



BROMLEY LITTLE THEATRE - CHARITY NIGHT TICKETS. 3RD DEC 2026

We have been offered 20 tickets for the Charity Night performance of ***Blackadder***, taking place on Thursday, 3rd December 2026 at Bromley Little Theatre. Tickets are **£15.00 each**. If you would like to attend, please write your name on the sign-up sheet at the back of the church. Your place will be reserved in the order that names are added to the list. As **only 20 tickets are available, reservations will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis**. Payment of £15.00 per ticket will be required for each ticket reserved. **All proceeds will go towards the Spire Fund.**



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 is now available in the church and online. Many thanks to our editor, **Alison and Paddy**, for putting this issue together. If you would like to submit an article or notice for the next **October** edition, please send your submissions to **Jill Atkinson** (jilleatk@aol.com) by **Saturday, 19th September 2026**. Will it ready tomorrow or by next week Wednesday at Grace? **It will be ready on Wednesday at Grace Café.**



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 - SEPTEMBER 2026

DATE	EVENT
Sun 27 th Sep · 10.30am	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

Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of 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

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HALL BOOKING

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