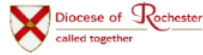


ST MARY'S CHURCH BROMLEY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Sunday 4th October 2026



CREATION SEASON - ST FRANCIS. BLACK HISTORY MONTH

REFLECTION

*"Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead". **Philippians 3.4-14***

Paul reminds us that true righteousness does not come from our own efforts, but through faith in Christ. To follow Jesus means surrendering the things we once valued most and allowing Him to become the centre of our lives. Knowing Christ is worth more than any worldly achievement or possession. It also means sharing in His sufferings, trusting in His power, and growing to become more like Christ each day. May God help us to deepen our relationship with Christ, let go of what holds us back, and live in the hope of His resurrection. **Amen** 🙏

SUNDAY WORSHIP · 4th OCTOBER · 18th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10.30AM PARISH COMMUNION

BIBLE READINGS:

Exodus 20.1-4,7-9,12-20
Philippians 3.4b-14
Matthew 21.33-46

HYMNS

133 Firmly I believe and truly
310 Lord for the years
309 Lord enthroned in Heavenly splendour
322 Love is word, love is his way

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 **Adam and Eve**. 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 give thanks to God for everyone who has participated in the activities and services throughout Creation Season. We also pray for all our communities as we mark Black History Month 2026, celebrating the theme "Honouring Our Communities." May we continue to recognise and appreciate the contributions, achievements and diversity of our communities, fostering unity, understanding and a sense of belonging for all. **Amen**.

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. **Black History Month:** 1st October to 31st October. Theme: Honouring Our Communities
- 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. CALL FOR ST MARY'S SCHOOL ALUMNI & TEACHERS - 40 years ago St Mary's Primary School closed and **Parish Primary School** moved from College Road to London Lane. The school will be marking these milestones during the 2026–27 academic year. If you were a pupil or teacher at St Mary's and are happy to be contacted, or if you know someone who was, please pass names and contact details to **Frances Boyden**.

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](#) 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.

RIDE & STRIDE SUCCESS



A massive thank you to everyone who supported this year's Ride & Stride on **Saturday 12th September**. Together, we raised a splendid **£505** for the Friends of Kent Churches, marking a wonderful increase from last year. Special thanks go to Peter and Frances Boyden for their dedicated day out in Maidstone visiting 11 churches. A further update on this will follow shortly.

PLAISTOW GREEN TRAFFIC & SAFETY ENGAGEMENT



A public engagement session regarding proposed pedestrian crossings and safety measures on the Plaistow Green One-Way System will be held **this Friday, 2nd October 2026**. The session runs from **5:30pm to 7:00pm** at **Parish Primary School, London Lane**. Local councillors, traffic engineers, and the proposed plans will be available to view and discuss.

BAPTISM



Thank you all for all your prayers and support for **baby George** who was baptised last Sunday.. May the light of Christ continue to shine upon him and his family. 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: Saturday, 10th October 2026. 9.00 -10.00 am

Our next bring and share Prayer Breakfast with Talk is scheduled for **Saturday, October 10th, from 9:00 am to 10:00 am**. We look forward to hearing **Mike Eames's** talk about Harvest. Please pray for him as he prepares for his talk.



CHURCH CLEANING UPDATE

Please note that church cleaning has been rescheduled. It will now take place **next Saturday, 10th October 2026**. Your help in keeping our church beautiful is always greatly appreciated.



MESSY VINTAGE

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who planned, attended and supported the launch of Messy Vintage. Thank you for being part of this journey. Let us continue to pray for the team who will be running Messy Vintage, asking God to bless their work, guide their decisions, and make it a fruitful ministry. Amen. **The next Messy Vintage session is on Monday, 19th October 2026. Theme -- Harvest Festival.**

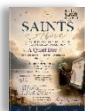


MUSIC CONCERT (BLACK HISTORY MONTH) - SATURDAY, 3rd OCT, 4:00PM - 6:30PM
Celebrate Black History Month at our annual St Mary's Bromley Community Concert. Enjoy an **extravaganza of diverse music and refreshments**, with a **minimum £10 donation** supporting local church services. All are welcome - **book your tickets now using the QR code or contact Clem at events@stmarysbromley.org.uk**. Please join us in praying for God's blessing and guidance. We pray for everyone involved, including our performers, organisers, volunteers and audience. May God bless the evening, bring our community together, and fill it with joy, friendship and celebration. Amen.



DEANERY CONFIRMATION - SUNDAY 11th OCTOBER, 4.00PM

We warmly invite you to come along and support **Denise and Thomas** as they get confirmed alongside other members from our deanery, on Sunday, 11th October at 4.00 pm, at **St John's Church, Bromley, Park Road, Bromley, BR1 3HJ**. We also ask you to keep them in your prayers as they take this important step in their Christian journey.



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: Tuesday, 8.00pm to 9.00pm via Zoom

The Evening Study Group is starting a new series of studies on a book entitled **What is religion by a Brazilian theologian named Alvares**. We shall be **meeting via Zoom**. For further details please contact **Peter Boyden**.



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

St Mary's Church has 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. **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 **October edition of the Parish Magazine is now available** in the church and online. Many thanks to our editor, **Jill** for putting this issue together. If you would like to submit an article or notice for the next November **edition**, please send your submissions to **Atlanta** (stmaryshouseandhall@gmail.com) by **Friday, 23rd October 2026**.



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 - OCTOBER 2026

DATE	EVENT
Sun 4 th Oct · 10.30am	Parish Communion:
Sun 11 th Oct · 10.30am	Parish Communion Harvest Festival
Thu 15 th Oct 10.00 am to 3.00 pm	Quiet Day
Sun 18 th Oct · 10.30am	Parish Communion
Sun 25 th Oct · 10.30am	Parish Communion: Poverty and Hope Appeal

REGULAR ACTIVITIES AT ST MARY'S

DATE	EVENT
Every 3 rd Monday	Messy Vintage
1 st Tuesdays	Morning Prayer in church
Every Tuesday	Morning Prayer at 9:00am via Zoom (contact Rev Eucharua 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, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given 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.

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