

ST MARY'S CHURCH BROMLEY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Sunday 11th October 2026



BLACK HISTORY MONTH: HARVEST Harvest Festival: Giving Thanks

REFLECTION

"The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it." Psalm 24:1

At Harvest Festival, we give thanks for the gifts of the earth and for all that God provides. Creation reminds us that we are part of a wonderful and interconnected world. As we celebrate the harvest, may we remember those who have less, share generously with others, and commit ourselves to caring for God's creation. **Amen** 🙏

SUNDAY WORSHIP · 11th OCTOBER · 19th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10.30AM PARISH COMMUNION

BIBLE READINGS:

Psalm 100
Mark 4: 26-29

HYMNS

101: Come, ye thankful people, come
534: We plough the fields and scatter
571 You shall go out with joy

SUNDAY CLUB



All children and families are warmly invited to join our special **Harvest Festival Family Service** starting at **10.30am** inside the church.

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 offer prayers for our Church Family. Pray for everyone who worships at St Mary's, for fellowship, friendship and growing relationships. Pray for those who are new, those who feel uncertain or disconnected, and those who are unable to worship with us in person. **Amen.**

NOTICES

- 1. BLACK HISTORY MONTH & CREATION SEASON THANKS:** As Creation Season concludes, we give our warmest thanks to everyone who faithfully participated in and supported our services. We look forward to celebrating Black History Month throughout October under this year's theme, **"Honouring Our Communities."**

- 2. BABY LOSS AWARENESS WEEK (9th –11th OCTOBER):** We hold in prayer all who have experienced the painful loss or miscarriage of a baby, asking for God's comfort, healing, and peace.
- 3. PRISONS WEEK (11th –19th OCTOBER):** We invite prayers for everyone affected by the criminal justice system - including victims, perpetrators, lawyers, prison staff, and chaplains.
- 4. 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.

5. **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**.
6. **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



Thank you to everyone who have donated to the Spire Appeal, sponsored a shingle, or bought a charity night ticket. We appreciate your generosity. Please continue donating to the cause as the work is still ongoing.

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 \[www.stmarys-bromley.org.uk/giving/\]\(https://www.stmarys-bromley.org.uk/giving/\)](#) **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.



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 this **Saturday**. We look forward to hearing **Mike Eames's** talk about Harvest. Please pray for him as he prepares for his talk.

CHURCH CLEANING UPDATE: Saturday, 10th October 2026, 10.00 - 12.00 am

Please note that church cleaning will take place this Saturday.



MESSY VINTAGE

The next session is on **Monday 19th October 2026** with the theme "**Harvest Festival**". Please continue to pray for this fruitful ministry.



COMMUNITY CONCERT THANKS

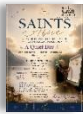
A massive thank you to **all the performers, volunteers, organisers, and audience** who supported our annual Black History Month Community Concert on Saturday 3rd October. Together, your attendance and generous donations brought our community together in a **wonderful evening of joy, music, and celebration**.

DEANERY CONFIRMATION - SUNDAY 11th OCTOBER, 4.00PM



We warmly invite you to come along this Sunday at 4:00 pm and support **Denise and Thomas** as they get confirmed alongside other members from our deanery, at **St John's Church, Bromley, Park Road, Bromley, BR1 3HJ**. Please 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**.

MOTHERS' UNION – THU 22nd OCTOBER (10AM – 12 NOON)



Gentle exercise & self-help: Please note there has been a change of programme for the upcoming Mothers' Union meeting. Unfortunately, Sara Cunningham is unwell and can no longer attend. However, the meeting is still going ahead! We will instead be running a session called **Gentle Exercise and Self-help** in the **Buchan Hall**. The movements are suitable for all abilities and can be easily done while seated. We welcome everyone who would like to come - you do not need to be a member to attend!

ALL SOULS SERVICE SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2026



As part of this service at St Mary's it is the custom to read out the names of **loved ones and friends** who have recently died. If you would like someone you know to be remembered in this way please print their name(s) on the sheet at the back of Church. If you are unable to get to Church but would like to add a name to the list please e-mail Jo Clark at **Joc1947@msn.com**

CHRISTMAS FAIR: SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER



Save the date and note it in your diaries! **Helpers are urgently needed** in all capacities, including planning, making items to sell, running stalls, or packing up. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church today.

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. Thursday, 3rd DEC 2026



St Mary's Church has been offered **20 tickets at £15 each** for the Charity Night performance of **Blackadder**. 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.

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 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

PRAYER

Creator God, we thank you for the beauty and abundance of your world and for the food that sustains us. Help us to be generous in sharing what we have, mindful of those in need, and faithful in caring for your creation. 🙏 **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 Eucharua Asiegbu**. vicarstmarysbromley@gmail.com
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PARISH ADMIN

For Parish Admin enquiries please contact **Manisha Sharma**
Tues 10-1pm · Wed 10-1pm · Thu 10-2pm
admin@stmarys-bromley.org.uk
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HALL BOOKING

For Hall booking enquiries please contact **Atlanta Topham**
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079 5174 8155

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St Mary's Church, Bromley

9.00 - 10.00 am, College Road, Bromley BR1 3QG

Bring and Share Prayer Breakfast with Talk.

FAITH, FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

Let us come together for breakfast, conversation,
reflection and prayer.



10th October 2026

Harvest:

Speaker: Mike Eames



14th November 2026

Funeral Planning:

Speaker: John Fenech



12th December 2026

Advent:

Speaker: Valerie Pearce

*"Offer hospitality to one another...
each of you should use whatever gift you have received
to serve others."*

1 Peter 4:9-10



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St Mary's Church, Bromley

*All are
welcome!*

*"Shout for joy to
the Lord, all the
earth"
Psalm 100:1*

HARVEST

FESTIVAL 2026

Sunday, 11th October

FAMILY SERVICE 10.30 am

BCP Communion Service 8.30 am



Breakfast Café

Harvest gifts welcome for the Foodbank

**Come and
celebrate with us!**

**61 College Road
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