



ST MARY'S CHURCH BROMLEY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Sunday 18th October 2026



BLACK HISTORY MONTH: HARVEST

REFLECTION

"There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free... for all of you are one in Christ Jesus."

Galatians 3:28

Our differences are not something to fear but something to celebrate. In Christ, our different cultures, backgrounds and experiences become part of the richness of God's family. Amen 🍇👤

SUNDAY WORSHIP · 18th OCTOBER · 20th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10.30AM PARISH COMMUNION

BIBLE READINGS:

Exodus 33.12-23

1 Thessalonians 1.1-10

Matthew 22.15-22

HYMNS

139 For the healing of the nations

52 Be still and know

73 Brother, sister let me serve you

414 Peace, perfect peace

SUNDAY CLUB



All children and families are warmly invited to join our special Family Service starting at 10.30am inside the church. As it is the half-term holiday, there will be no formal sessions today. Please feel free to make full use of the toys, books, pens, and paper available in our Family Zone during the service.

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), Pat C, Gemma Mc, Lindsey (Friend of Peter and Frances), Beryl Nye, Keith Nye, Andrew Nye, Luci Nye, Joshua Nye, Amelia Nye.

This week, we offer prayers for our Ministry Team, Clergy, Lay Ministers and Worship Leaders. Pray for the Ministry Team, vicar, associate priest, lay ministers and all who lead, preach, teach, pray and serve. Pray for wisdom, unity, encouragement, good communication, health and times of rest. **Amen.**

NOTICES

1. PRISONS WEEK (11th – 19th OCTOBER): We invite prayers for everyone affected by the criminal justice system - including victims, perpetrators, lawyers, prison staff, and chaplains.

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 on our journey and the gifts God has given us, as well as the biblical understanding of vocation. The day will include workshops, reflections, and opportunities to speak with others. For further details, please speak to Rev Eucharía.

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**.

3. ANTI-SLAVERY DAY – SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER 2026 4.00 PM: A special service at St Nicolas Church, Strood, to mark **Anti-Slavery Day** and celebrate the **appointment of our new Modern Slavery Awareness Ambassadors**. We are delighted that **Rev Eucharika** will be among the newly appointed Ambassadors. Please **join us** for this special occasion as we stand together in promoting **dignity, freedom, justice, and hope for all**.



4. 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 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. Donations are still welcomed 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.

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.

DEANERY CONFIRMATION



Congratulations to Denise and Thomas on their Confirmation last Sunday! May God continue to bless, guide, strengthen and sustain them as they grow in faith and continue their journey with Him. **Thank you to everyone** who supported them throughout this journey, whether through your prayers, encouragement, or by attending the service to celebrate this special occasion with them.



MOTHERS' UNION - THURSDAY 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.



MESSY VINTAGE

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



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**.



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).



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: Call for Articles and Contributions

If you would like to submit an article, news or notice for the November **edition**, please send your contributions to **Atlanta** (stmaryshouseandhall@gmail.com) by **Friday, 23rd October 2026**. Thank you for your continued support and for helping us celebrate and share the life, faith, and activities of our parish community.



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
Thu 15 th Oct · 10.00 am - 3.00 pm	Quiet Day
Sun 18 th Oct · 10.30am	Parish Communion
Mon 19 th Oct · 2.15pm - 3:45pm	MESSY VINTAGE - theme "Harvest Festival"
Thu 22 nd Oct · 10.00am - 12:00am	MOTHERS' UNION - Gentle exercise & self-help
Sun 25 th Oct · 10.30am	Parish Communion: Poverty and Hope Appeal

REGULAR ACTIVITIES AT ST MARY'S

DATE / FREQUENCY	REGULAR ACTIVITY
Every 3 rd Monday	Messy Vintage
1 st Tuesdays	Morning Prayer in church at 9:00am
Every Tuesday	Morning Prayer at 9:00am via Zoom (contact Rev Eucharistia for the Zoom link)
Every Tuesday	Evening Study Group at 8:00pm by Zoom or in-person
Every Wednesday	Grace café - a place of welcome: Join us for a drink, cake, and a chat every Wednesday, 10:00am - 12:00 noon
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 1st Saturday

Church Cleaning · 10:00am - 12:00 noon

Every Saturday

Community Payback Volunteers · 10:00am - 4:00pm

Every 2nd Saturday

Prayer Breakfast with Talk · 9am - 10am

Every 2nd Sunday

BCP · 8:30am & Family Service · 10:30am

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, unite us in your love. Help us to recognise your image in every person and to build communities where everyone is welcomed and valued. 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 Eucharist Asiegbu

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PARISH ADMIN

For Parish Admin enquiries please contact Manisha Sharma

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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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MESSY VINTAGE

28th September - Launch + Cream Tea
19th October - Harvest Festival
16th November - Memories
21st December - Christmas

Come and join us!

Messy Vintage welcomes the older generation, those with dementia and their carers, and other disabilities. It offers a time to be creative, have fun, fellowship, and enjoy refreshments together.

61 College Road, Bromley BR1 3QG

Messy Vintage meets on the 3rd Monday of each month 2.15 pm - 3.45 pm

Charity No: 631034 www.stmarys-bromley.org.uk

St Mary's Church, Bromley

Bring and Share Prayer Breakfast with Talk.

9.00 am to 10.30 am

College Road, Bromley BR1 3QG

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

For more information please contact the Church Office: admin@stmarys-bromley.org.uk 020 8466 6969

St Mary's Church, Bromley

Saints Above

We are all called to be saints through Christ

Quiet Day

Led by Paul Stevens

Thursday 15th October 2026
10.00 am - 3.00 pm

St Mary's Church, Bromley, BR1 3QG

TIME FOR PRAYER
Quiet times • Scripture • Reflection
Spiritual guidance • Fellowship

"...be still, and know that I am God..."

Refreshments and lunch provided. If you would like to attend, please sign up at church or email admin@stmarys-bromley.org.uk

All are welcome.

St Mary's Grace Café

Wednesdays
10 a.m. - 12 noon

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Parish Magazine

October 2026

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God commanded the earth to spread all kinds of vegetation - seed-bearing plants and fruit-bearing trees

Gen 1:11-12

Good news is that you can spread the good news

Minimum donation 75p

FUNCTION ROOMS AVAILABLE FOR HIRE

Warwick Hall - £45.00 per hour
Basilica Hall - £28.00 per hour
Front Room - £17.00 per hour

St Mary's Church House and Hall

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