

NEWS LETTER

of St. Mary Bromley

17th April 2025

“..... Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen!”

Luke 24:5

These words spoken by the angel at the empty tomb proclaim the heart of our faith: that death does not have the final word, and that Christ has triumphed over the grave.

For the women at the tomb, these words turned their grief into wonder. For us, they are a source of enduring hope. Whatever we are facing—loss, fear, uncertainty—we remember that our Savior is alive. He goes before us into every dark place with light, into every sorrow with comfort, into every doubt with peace. As we continue through this season, may the risen Christ breathe hope into your hearts. Amen!!! Happy Easter!

Holy Week and Easter April 2025 - St Mary's Bromley

- 17th April **Maundy Thursday** 7.00 pm for 8.00 pm refreshments followed by The Lord's Supper Service in Church and the Vigil for one hour afterwards – depart in Silence
- 18th April **Good Friday CTiCB Walk of Witness** meet at St Peter and Paul for 11.00 am and process to service in High Street at 11.15 am.
- 18th April **Good Friday** 2-3 pm. **An hour at the Cross** in Church followed by Hot Cross Buns in Church and building the Easter Garden in the church yard
- 19th April **Holy Saturday** - Easter window decorating 10.00 am – 12 noon. Refreshments available.
- 20th April **Easter Sunday - Breakfast** in Church from 9.30 am.
- 10.30 am **Eucharist Celebration** followed by Simnel cake and prosecco.

Easter Church decorating window sills – Saturday 19th April, 10.00am



We will be decorating our church for Easter on Holy Saturday, 19th April between 10.00 am – 12 noon. Our Easter flower team (Anne, Jean & Vicki) would appreciate some extra help and wish to encourage others to get involved and decorate one of the church window sills. This could simply be an arrangement in a vase with some spring flowers, twigs or greenery or other additions, fresh or faux flowers. Refreshments available. If you can spare an hour or so, please let Anne Yolland know what you would like to do - we have 7 main window sills to decorate! With the cost of fresh flowers continuing to rise, any contributions towards the Easter flowers would be much appreciated. Thank you.

Sunday Club



It's the Easter holidays. Please make use of the toys, books, pens and paper in the Family Zone.

Mary's Church Easter Day Breakfast - Sunday 20th April

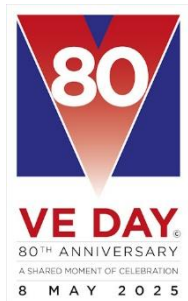


Join us for a bacon bagel, roasted tomatoes, pastries, fruit juice and hot drinks at the back of the church. Available 09:30 am- 10:15 am. All are welcome!

Sonny and Molly's Baptism – Sunday 20th April

We pray for Sonny and Molly as they prepare for their Baptism.

VE80 Save the Date



Thursday 8th May, marks the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe, we will be ringing our church bell at 6.30 pm, as will other churches across the country, with a service at 7 pm, followed by light refreshments. **Saturday, 10th May**, we are getting the bunting out and having a picnic in the church yard, weather permitting, or in church. Please bring own picnic food. Cakes and hot drinks available in church. Do dress up in 1940's style if you can. During the afternoon we will be having a sing song from the 1940's era and hopefully some nostalgic games for children. There will be war time memorabilia on display in church, if you have anything you would like to share, or could help to organise

displays on Wednesday 7th May during Grace Café or help generally on Saturday 10th May, please speak to Maria or Anne Y for further details.

APCM 18th May 2025

All are invited to the St Mary's Annual Parochial Church meeting on Sunday 18th May, straight after service

Deanery Confirmation Service – 7th September



There will be a deanery confirmation service on 7th September 2025. During this service, adults who wish to be baptised if they haven't been before will also be baptised and confirmed. Please let Atlanta or the vicar know if you will like to be confirmed. Admin@stmarys-bromley.org.uk.

Electoral Roll

This year we need to compile a new electoral roll ahead of the APCM in May. Being on the electoral roll allows you to vote on church matters, or stand for the PCC. This year even those on the current roll will need to reregister. Forms are available at the back of church (on the red box) or on the website https://www.stmarys-bromley.org.uk/content/pages/documents/250303-form_1_application_for_enrolment_church_electoral_roll-1.pdf Completed forms must be received by **20th April (Easter Sunday) and returned to the red box in church**. Alternatively they can be scanned and emailed to admin@stmarys-bromley.org.uk or posted to FAO Michael Clements - Parish Office, St Mary's Church House, 61 College Road, Bromley, BR1 3QG.

A message from Barbara



Thank you, everyone who made my 72nd birthday last Sunday, (6th April), such a fantastic day. Thank you for the cards, warm wishes and kind greetings from everyone. It really made my day. Barbara B.

Grace Café



We meet in the church building on Wednesdays between 10am to 12 noon for coffee, cake and fellowship. You will be most welcome to join the volunteers who host the Grace Cafe. There is a sign up sheet in the church if you would like to help.

Prayer

A Prayer for the week

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Requests for Prayer Weekly

John C
Olive
Richard
(Barbara B cousin)
Andrew
Patricia
Stuart
(Sylvia's family
member)
The family and friends
of Tom
Pam
Roger and Grace
(Sarah's parents)

Monthly Week 3

Merle
Julian and Kerrie



If you have a need for prayer for things, please contact the Pastoral Team via Anthia Page email anthiapage@gmail.com.

Worship, Prayer and Fellowship

Our service on Sundays are Live Streamed. See <https://www.facebook.com/stmarysbromley/>

At our 10.30am – Family Communion with Baptism – Sunday 20th April

EASTER SUNDAY

Readings

Acts 10.34-43; 1 Corinthians 15.19-26; Luke 24.1-12

Hymns

267 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, alleluia
532 We have a gospel to proclaim
148 From heaven you came
503 Thine be the Glory.

Alleluia Christ is Risen, He is risen indeed Alleluia