

NEWS LETTER

of St. Mary Bromley

25th July 2024

“I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.”

Ephesians 3

This is a small piece of Paul’s prayer for the Ephesians, he wants them to know and share his knowledge of all the good things he has learnt from Christ. Like all committed teachers and parents he prays for them to receive the very best that he has found in life, the love of Christ and the fullness of God. That is why we preach and teach, why we baptise and confirm one another and why we study, to share, to increase our growth our knowledge and our understanding of the love of Christ, the best thing we know in life.

Sunday Club



We’re having a summer break. Please make use of the toys, books, pens and paper in the Family Zone.

Evening Study Group



Evening Study Group will be having a break during August, with the next meeting on Tuesday 3 September 2024. Any enquiries to Peter Boyden, please.

Rosemary Cubberley’s Memorial Service -Friday 2nd August, 10.00am

Rosemarys Memorial Service and interment of Ashes will be on Friday 2nd August in Church at 10.00 followed by Refreshments. The family have asked us to wear bright clothes, and for as many as possible to come and share memories, favourite hymns, anecdotes etc that remind us of Rosemary. Manchester United supporters please dress appropriately. Please give ideas and offerings of contributions to the service to Alison.

Ian Allured



Ian Allured's funeral will take place on Thursday 29th August 2024 at 2.00pm in St Andrew's Church, Corhampton SO32 3NE.

Hymns for August

Thank you to all who have given Alison hymns for August, in the end there were too many and they were not all suitable for midsummer, so we have used those that focus on the natural world for the Sundays of September when it is Creation season, and one or two are used as far ahead as Harvest Festival on 13th October.

We will try and put the name of the person who chose the hymn next to it on the Newsletter for the relevant Sunday.

Availability for reading and Intercessions

The new rota is being prepared for October – January. If you are a regular reader, intercessor, communion assistant or similar helpful person please let Atlanta know your availability. We try and make sure that no one has to be on a rota more than once or rarely twice a month.

Intercessions

In future as part of our safeguarding practice we will only use first names on the prayer list and on the Newsletter as a way of keeping unnecessary spread of information to a minimum

Pastoral Team News

St Mary's Bromley Pastoral Team will not be meeting in August. The last meeting will be on the 30th July and recommences on the 3rd September. If you need to contact us we will still be available by phone or email.

Thank you!



We would like to give thanks for the wonderful gift of a rose bush on the occasion of our 40th wedding anniversary and for all the warm wishes of congratulations received, we feel very blessed. Thank you so much to all our friends at St Mary's. Anne & Peter Yolland

Parish Magazine

The next issue of Parish Magazine will be the September edition. If you are starting up any new project or restarting meetings or classes and would like to advertise, please let the editors have any information by 18 August. Email to joc1947@msn.com or leave info at back of Church. Any other contributions would be most welcome. Jo Clark.

Churchyard Gardening – Saturday 3rd August



We will be holding gardening mornings on the first Saturday of the month if fine and Church cleaning indoors if wet. The next date is the 3rd August. We have a lovely church yard so please do join us to help keep it up. Tea and biscuits - maybe Cake - to follow.

Mothers' Union Annual Church Porch Coffee Morning -Wednesday 7th August, 10am



Mothers' Union Annual Church Porch coffee morning will be held on Wednesday 7th August 2024, 10am – 12pm when we will be raising funds for the Summer of Hope. Literacy and numeracy are vital life-skills for all of us. In the Democratic Republic of Congo our support is already empowering women to release themselves from the cycle of poverty. Funds are now urgently needed to reach more women, families, and communities, and share these crucial skills more widely.

Ride and Stride – Saturday 14th September

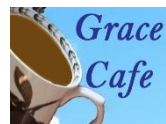


Ride and Stride for Friends of Kent Churches is on **Saturday 14th September** this year, it's 75th anniversary. Last year this event raised £140,029 and St Mary's hopes to take part again. Therefore, we need your help. Are you willing to visit participating churches and chapels on that date or help keep St Mary's open...Can you provide sponsorship? This event will be combined with **London Open House** at the same time. Please let Chris Soper know and add the date to your diary.

Save the Date - Christmas Fair - Saturday 30th November

If you would like to be part of the planning there is a sign up sheet at the back of Church.

Grace Café



You are most welcome to join us between 10am to 12noon on Wednesdays. Please join the volunteers who host the Grace Cafe on Wednesdays. There is a sign-up sheet in the church. In case you haven't done it before, you will be with someone who has, so please join them and try it out.

Refreshments Rota



Many thanks to all who willingly and regularly serve refreshments on a Sunday morning after the service.

Live Streaming



“Worship at St Mary’s is live streamed and can be watched via Facebook. This is much appreciated by those who cannot be at the services, and we would like to continue to offer this to our fellow members of our congregation. If you would like to help us with this, please contact Trine, Sally, Alison or Paddy.”

Prayer

A Prayer for the week

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory’s sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Requests for Prayer

Weekly

Friends and family of
Rosemary
Merle
Olive
Nigel Lisa
(M brother)
Richard
(Barbara B cousin)

Monthly Week 4

Toni (friend of Suzanne S)
Keith and Beryl
Eileen

Pray Daily for a New Vicar

Loving God,
we ask you to be present with the St Mary’s family
as we wait and pray for a new vicar.
You know those things that we need to encourage us in our faith; and you know too the person we need to teach us and lead us, before we can even form the thought to ask you.
Whilst we wait keep us patient, wise and united,
working together for the good of our community.
Build us up into a flourishing and inclusive part of Christ’s body of love and service, make us ready to welcome and to work with the one you send.
We offer our prayer in the name of Jesus our friend and brother. **Amen.**

We thought possibly we could undertake to pray in our own homes or offices, either early in the morning or sometime between 5-6 so we did not have to struggle to meet together but would instead be together in heart and mind.



If you have a need for prayer for particular 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 – 28th July 2024 - 9th Sunday after Trinity

Readings 2 Samuel 11.1-15; Ephesians 3.14-21; John 6.1-21

Hymns	53	Be still for the presence of the Lord
	63	Blest are the pure in heart
	242	Immortal, Invisible
	30	And can it be

The Order of Service: <https://www.stmarys-bromley.org.uk/lockdown/st-marys-worship>

*Please can contributions for the Newsletter now be given to Atlanta Topham by noon on Wednesdays
Atlanta’s email is admin@stmarys-bromley.org.uk*