

NEWS LETTER

of St. Mary Bromley

28th August 2024

“Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights

James 1:17”

This week we begin Creation Season, 6 weeks or so when we focus our thinking and our prayer on the Climate emergency, on the generosity of God and the unthinking greed and selfishness of human beings, who have damaged the planet by our abuse and exploitation. On top of that we have treated one another as objects or possessions and not as our sisters and brothers.

It is a time to remember together the source of our being, and of all good gifts in creation, God, the Father of lights.

Sunday Club



Garden Church is back!

Weather permitting, we will have Garden Church on Sunday 1st September. All children and parents are welcome. We start in church at 10.30 a.m.

Evening Study Group



Evening Study Group meets again after our August break via Zoom at 8pm on Tuesday 3 September. For further details and login details please speak to Peter Boyden.

Thinking Ahead:

Before we know it, it will be time to welcome our new Vicar so we should start thinking of ways to make her or him most welcome.

Church Cleaning and Gardening - Saturday 31st August 10am -12 noon.



Please come and help out as we try to make the Church and Churchyard as lovely as we can. There will be cake.

Creation Season



from 1st September until 6th October St Francis followed on 13th October by **Harvest Festival**.

It's an important opportunity to consider the needs of others, the needs of the planet, how to live simply and to be satisfied with enough. We can support projects that help renew and restore the earth or the lives of our sisters and brothers locally (see below) or globally.

Cream Tea – Saturday 7th September, 2.30pm



Do join us for a cream or savoury tea on Saturday 7th September, 2.30 pm – 5 pm in church. Please let us know if you plan to attend by signing up on the sheet at the back of church or let Anne Yolland know

Ride and Stride – Saturday 14th September



St Mary's will be **open** to welcome visitors for **Ride and Stride** and **London Open House** on Saturday **14th September**. We need volunteer Welcomers to do a 'shift' welcoming visitors and offering light refreshments. Welcomers can also be sponsored by family, friends and church members so half of any monies raised will benefit St Mary's. Please speak to Chris Soper or Margaret Eames if you can help.

Christmas Fair - Saturday 30th November

For the Christmas Fair please collect jam jars with lids if possible, for those of us who make Jam marmalade or Chutney to use for the Christmas fair. There is a large cardboard box to collect them in at the back of the Church. If you would like to be part of the planning, there is a sign-up sheet at the back of the Church.

Bromley Food Bank

Bromley Food Bank and Starter packs both need our help. Our Harvest gifts will go to the food bank or to the Starter Packs project at Sts Peter and Paul (the Parish Church). The Food Bank currently needs:

- Tinned meat (hot or cold)
- Coffee
- Jam,
- UHT milk,
- shaving gel and razors, as well as other toiletries

Grace Café



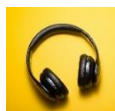
You are most welcome to join us between 10am to 12noon on Wednesdays.

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

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Requests for Prayer Weekly

Merle
Olive
Nigel
(Lisa M brother)
Richard
(Barbara B cousin)
Andrew
Charlotte and
Carolyn
(friend of Alison T)
Anthia

Monthly Week 1

Roger and Grace
(Sarah E parents)
Daisy B
(friend of Alison T)
David
(Eileen W brother)
John

Please pray for Matilda who will be Baptised on 7th September at St Mary's.



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 – 1st September 2024 - 14th Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Song of Solomon 2:8-13; James 1:17- end; Mark 7:1-8, 14-14, 21-23

Hymns:

137a	For the Beauty of the earth (Tune 2) (Roger Benoy 'it's a hymn of praise for the beauty of the earth and the joy of love')
53	Be still for the presence of the Lord (Chosen by Samantha Collins because 'it reminds me of my late mum')
115	Eternal ruler of the ceaseless round
101	Come ye thankful people come (Mary Fall)

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*