

NEWS LETTER

of St. Mary Bromley

29th May 2025

“The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

John 17: 22.

In John 17, we glimpse the heart of Jesus as He prays not only for His disciples, but for all who will come to believe—including us. As He approaches the cross, His longing is for His people, **(us)** to be one, united in the love and glory He shares with the Father. This unity isn't about sameness, but about a deep bond formed in God's love. When we love one another, even in our differences, the world sees Jesus through us. May we be people of grace, peace, and understanding, so that God's love may shine through our lives. Amen.

Sunday Club



All children and parents are welcome to join us for the Sunday Club session on Sunday, 1st June. We start in church at 10.30 a.m.

Ascension Day Service – Thursday 29th May, 8.00pm

Join us in church on Thursday, 29th May 2025 at 8:00 pm as we gather to celebrate Ascension Day: a joyful occasion marking Christ's return to the Father and His promise of the Holy Spirit.

Come early and enjoy a time of fellowship over light refreshments, served from 7:15 pm to 7:45 pm.

Church Cleaning/ Churchyard Gardening - Saturday 31st May, 10.00am



Please come to help keep our church clean and to tidy up the churchyard in preparation for the Wedding on the 7th June. Hot drinks and cake will be available.

Evening Study Group – Tuesday 3rd June, 8.00pm



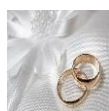
Evening Study Group meets via Zoom on Tuesday 3 June at 8pm, continuing our studies of the Nicene Creed. For further details please contact Peter Boyden.

Quiet Day: The Joy of Resurrection, Thursday 5th June 9.30am - 3.00pm



Everyone is warmly welcome, but please let Eucharika or Alison know if you would like to attend, for catering and planning purposes. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

Rosie and Ronan's Wedding – Saturday 7th June



Let us keep Rosie and Ronan in our prayers as they prepare for their wedding this June. May God bless them with peace, joy, and a deepening love as they get ready to begin this new chapter together. Everyone is welcome to attend this special occasion, which begins at 11:00, with the service starting at 11:30. Please stay afterward for pictures.

CTCB United Pentecost Service – Sunday 8th June, 6.30pm

All are warmly welcome to Churches Together in Central Bromley's united service on the evening of Pentecost Sunday, 8th June 2025 at 6.30 pm at Bromley Town Church, 2 Ethelbert Road, Bromley. BR1 1JA. Come and worship with fellow Christians from across our local churches as we gather in a spirit of unity, prayer, and shared faith.

Archdeacon's Visitation – Thursday 12th June, 8.00pm

All are welcome to come and support Maria and Clem, our new (continuing) churchwardens as Archdeacon Allie swears them in on Thursday, 12th June 2025 at St John's Church, Penge. 2 St John's Road. London, SE20 7EQ. Doors open at 7.00 pm; formal service of Admittance starts promptly at 8.00 pm.

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 would like to be confirmed. Admin@stmarys-bromley.org.uk.

Thank you



Janet Wythe thanks you all for your lovely card, good wishes and prayers. I am now at home making steady progress towards my recovery

Mothers' Union Plant Sale

Thanks go to all who were involved with this recent event. It was another successful community event. So many people had helped in various ways, by providing plants, refreshments, raffle prizes and by coming to buy. So far, over £970 has been raised, which will be shared between Mothers' Union 'Literacy Project' and 'Away from it All holiday scheme'.

Christian Aid Week 2025 updates



The Congregation's sponsorship of Peter and Frances Boyden's participation in the London Freedom Walk on 10 May raised £330.

Many thanks to all those who have made donations via Christian Aid Week envelopes. This collection closes on Sunday 1 June, and anyone wishing to give in this way is requested to hand their envelope to Peter in church on that day. (If you have mislaid yours, please ask for another.) Remember, it is possible to donate to Christian Aid 365 days a year via christianaid.org.uk.

APCM

Thank you to everyone who attended the APCM meeting last Sunday, and to all who worked hard to prepare the report. We also want to thank the new PCC members and those who have taken up new posts. Our prayers are with you as you serve. Electronic copies of the report were emailed to everyone on our mailing list, and hard copies are available in the church. If you haven't received a copy, please send your email to Atlanta, and she will send it to you.

Altar Flower



If you would like to sponsor a flower in memory of your loved one or for a Thanksgiving, please contact Anne Yolland.

Magazine

The Parish Magazine will be available on Sunday 1st June.

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 signup sheet in the church if you would like to help.

Worship, Prayer and Fellowship

Prayer

Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Requests for Prayer

Weekly

John C, Olive, Richard (Barbara B cousin), Andrew, Patricia, Stuart (Sylvia's family member), Pam, Pat, the family and friends of Grace, Chris S.

Monthly Week 1

Daisy (friend of Alison), David (Eileen's brother)

At our 10.30am – Family Communion – Sunday 1st June 2025 - Sunday after Ascension Day

Readings

Acts 16.16-34; Revelation 22.12-14, 16,17,20,21;
John 17.20-26

Hymns

307 Lo, he comes with clouds descending
508 Thine be the Glory.
336 My eyes have seen the Lord
25 Alleluia, sing to Jesus

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