

NEWS LETTER

of St. Mary Bromley

2nd May 2024

No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

John 15:13

It is a scary thought, and you always hope it won't be necessary for anyone to lay down their life. Even Jesus looked for another option in the garden of Gethsemane, but if doing God's will requires that kind of sacrifice would we be willing to follow the example of Jesus?

We know that in extreme circumstances, in war or disaster people take great risks for others, and I always hope that I *would* take the risk, trusting God for the outcome just as Jesus did.

Sunday Club



All children and parents are welcome to join us for the Sunday Club session on Sunday 5th May. We start in church at 10.30 a.m.

Evening Study Group – Tuesday 7th May, 8pm



Evening Study Group meets at 8pm on Tuesday 7 May for a face-to-face meeting at Peter and Frances Boyden's home to study 12 May's readings - Acts 1: 15-17, 21-end; I John 5: 9-13; John 17: 6-19. All welcome, for further information please contact the hosts.

Ascension Day – Thursday 9th May, 8pm



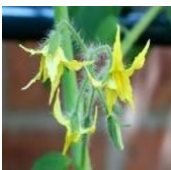
Ascension Day is listed for an evening Eucharist at 8pm, no one else other Alison Tyler and our organist were listed to participate in this service. So thank you to those who have volunteered to read and to lead Intercessions. Please come and give them your support.

Christian Aid Week – 12th – 18th May



The 12-18 May is Christian Aid Week, and as usual there will be opportunities for St Mary's congregation to donate to this worthwhile cause. The 2024 appeal is focussing on stories from Burundi, a land-locked country surrounded by Rwanda, Tanzania, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Many families there are working hard, with support from Christian Aid's partners, to transform their lives, and the story of one of them will appear in the May issue of the *Parish Magazine*. For further information please contact Peter Boyden.

Plant Sale – Saturday 18th May, 10.00am – 12.00pm in Church House



Plants are growing well and will be on sale in the Buchan Hall and outside. There will be a RAFFLE, TEA/COFFEE and CAKE in the Front Room. Offers of cake, including the variety, will be much appreciated by Mary Fall (mary@fallfamily.co.uk or 07801271202) or Anne Yolland (anne.yolland@outlook.com or 07929756295). All proceeds to Mothers' Union project Away from it All

Deanery Confirmation

Please pray for the people in our Deanery who are preparing for their confirmation on Sunday 19th May at St Mary's Hayes at 10.30am including Sheila Crimmin from St Mary's. It would be lovely if some of us from St Mary's went with Sheila to Hayes to show our support

Churchyard Gardening



It's that time of year again and we need a couple of working groups so can you offer to help and suggest possible dates to Clem or Maria or Alison and then we can plan to have one or two working groups? Many thanks from us all.

Grace Café



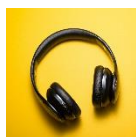
You are most welcome to join us between 10am to 12noon on Wednesdays. Please join the volunteers who host the Grace Cafe on Wednesdays. There is a sign up sheet in the church. In case you haven't done it before, you will be with someone who has, so please join them and try it out.

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

Risen Christ,
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen

Requests for Prayer

Weekly

Merle Jones
Pat Coomber

Monthly Week 1

Roger and Grace Charsley
Sarah Evans' parents
Daisy Batt
friend of Alison Tyler
David Collins
Eileen White's brother
John Cox

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 – 5th May 2024 – 6th Sunday of Easter

Readings Acts 10:44-end, 1John 5: 1-6, John 15: 9-17

Hymns 128 Fight the good fight
14 All heaven declares
129 Fill thou my life v 1-4
172 God is working his purpose out

At our 8pm Ascension Day Service – Thursday 9th May

Readings Acts1: 1-11, Ephesians1: 15-end, Luke 24:44-end

Hymns 191 Hail the day that sees him rise
480 The head that once was crowned with thorns
563 Ye choirs of new
Jerusalem V1,2,&4,5,
81 Christ triumphant ever reigning v1-4

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

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Atlanta's email is admin@stmarys-bromley.org.uk*