

St Mary's Church, Bromley

Parish Magazine

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September at St. Mary's Bromley

During September there will be a programme of activities in the church building. This will be advertised in a variety of places including the Open House Festival. This gives access to a huge number remarkable buildings, landscapes and neighbourhoods all over London. We think St. Mary's is one too!

There will be ten days between Thursday 8th to Sunday 18th where the church building will be open between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. You will be able to see the splendour of the building. Refreshments will be available too.

In addition there will be the following attractions:

Saturday 10th – Ride and Stride, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Cyclists and walkers will be visiting churches throughout Kent (Bromley is included) to raise money for Friends of Kent Churches.

Sunday 11th – Family Service, 10.30 a.m.

Contemporary worship for people of all ages.

Tuesday 13th – St. Mary's Church Choir, 10 a.m. to Noon

Our choir will be presenting a variety of sung delights.

Wednesday 14th – Grace Café, 10 a.m. to Noon

Our weekly refreshment stop; with lovely coffee, delicious cake, a warm welcome and good conversation.

Thursday 15th – Knit and Natter, 10 a.m. to Noon

Join our monthly group to show us your skills or learn some new ones and have a good chat.

Friday 16th – Rock Choir, 8 p.m.

A fun evening of lively and popular music, raising money for Welcare in Bromley, helping local families.

Saturday 17th – Cream Tea 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

If you have been to one before you will know of the lovely spread that is wonderfully served to you. If not, come and find out.

Sunday 18th

Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving, 10.30 a.m.

Our morning worship will be an opportunity to reflect on the experiences of Covid. We will express the complexity of our sadness and loss along with gratitude for all that was achieved. This will be within a Family Communion.

Musical Extravaganza! 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Many musical talents which we are sure will give great delight.

Welcome to the September edition of the Parish Magazine.

I wonder what you expected to find when, after a two-month wait, you looked inside the September magazine? The usual information about Church events - there is a lot going on this month? Information from the regular advertisers which might just come in useful? Thought-provoking contributions written by Alan, Alison & "A voice from the Pew"? Something for the younger members of the Church family? Yes, the September issue ticks all those boxes. But please don't miss Chris' fascinating article about the Churchyard, Robert's interesting piece about a book launch party held in the Buchan Hall by a local writing group, and Barbara's Reflections, all of which were offered to us without any prompting.

If (when) you too feel inspired to advertise, comment, respond or write something totally unexpected, we will be delighted, but please contact Atlanta, the editor for the October issue, by the closing date of 17th September. Her contact details can be found on the back page. Regular contributors, you know that applies to you, too!

Jill Atkinson

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Memorial Book

St. Mary's Church has a memorial book in which may be inscribed names of people associated with the parish. If you would like to know more details please contact Alan or Jean Read on 020 8402 0886.

Disclaimer

The opinions, beliefs and viewpoints expressed by the various participants in this magazine do not necessarily reflect the opinions, beliefs and viewpoints of the Editors.

Moderate rain and showers



Many years ago, when our children were very young we had a family Summer holiday in Cyprus. The weather was hot, the skies were blue, the fields were yellow and I remember seeing a donkey who looked very fed up to be out in the heat.

Back home, in the early Autumn I spent a week in a small country town. The weather was mixed with sunshine, mists and rain. The scenery was wonderfully green with lush fields and trees. It felt very good to be back in England with the variety of weather and verdant countryside.

Our recent months have been more of Cyprus than the Britain we are used to. The British famously make great conversation of the weather. But the experience has all been so consistently hot and dry recently that we are reduced to stating the obvious; "isn't it hot!" or "when will it rain?"

In the Book of Common Prayer a few chapters after Morning and Evening Prayer there is a section called Prayers and Thanksgivings. The first prayer is entitled For Rain which makes it a major concern to bring before God. There is a lovely sentence that goes:

Send us, we beseech thee, in this our necessity, such moderate rain and showers, that we may receive the fruits of the earth to our comfort, and to thy honour.

I like the word moderate here. It is a classic Church of England middle ground. We want enough rain; but no flooding thank you very much. With global warming we seem to have lost moderation with both drought and being inundated as a consequence.

In the service of baptism, I really like the Prayer over the Water. it draws on passages from the Bible about water that show God's character. The Holy Spirit moves over the waters of creation and brings peace. The Children of Israel go to freedom in the promised land as the Red Sea is parted. Jesus is himself baptised showing his humility. Jesus is alongside people expressing

their devotion to God. Knowing God is understood in terms of peace, freedom and his humility.

This is similar to how the Book of Common prayer in the baptism service explains things. But there is an introductory sentence in our modern service that says:

We thank you, almighty God, for the gift of water to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life.

These words underline how ordinary and necessary water is to life. But also, that water is a gift and not to be taken for granted. Once water was a feature of nature which could give a rather hit or miss experience of benefiting from it. As our society grew it became important to manage water and there were public utilities to ensure all people could have a good supply of clean water. In recent decades water has become a business and the driving aim has been to make profit. Profit is necessary as long as it serves the needs of the whole community and not just those few who prosper from the financial gain.

The grounds of our faith are that God is the maker, owner and sovereign of the world in which we live. Our lives are gifts from him as are all the means of our flourishing such as water and food and in our modern world fresh air and energy. Humans are called to manage these gifts well but it is all to be done on behalf of the real owner who calls us to love our neighbours.

We are in what has been called a cost-of-living crisis. You might like to add but some have more crisis than others. There are the people who will not be able to make ends meet, have to choose between heating and eating and are far from given a priority to be helped.

One of my great hopes is that out of this adversity we can discuss the values of our society. Who should benefit? Who should not be left out? It is important these issues are discussed and that all people are allowed to comment (not - the church should keep out of politics) or people are written off before they have been given a chance to speak. Too often the discussion comes down to labels such as 'nanny state' or more recently 'woke'. A good discussion and creative decisions will require moderation in the conversation and hearing the voices that easily get excluded.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Keeler". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

God's Garden



A poem by Dorothy Frances Gurney

The Lord God planted a garden
 In the first white days of the world,
And He set there an angel warden
 In a garment of light enfurled.

So near to the peace of Heaven,
 That the hawk might nest with the wren,
For there in the cool of the even
 God walked with the first of men.

And I dream that these garden-closes
 With their shade and their sun-flecked sod
And their lilies and bowers of roses,
 Were laid by the hand of God.

The kiss of the sun for pardon,
 The song of the birds for mirth,--
One is nearer God's heart in a garden
 Than anywhere else on earth.

For He broke it for us in a garden
 Under the olive-trees
Where the angel of strength was the warden
 And the soul of the world found ease.

I came across the full text of this poem whilst on holiday recently. Until then I had only known the famous two line quote:
“One is nearer God's heart in a garden
Than anywhere else on earth.”

This is a very annoying statement taken out of context; surely we might expect to be nearer God's heart when praying and paying attention to God, serving the sick or the poor, comforting the dying or distressed, building up

the community, working for the environment or any one of a great number of things that we might be doing as a part of our Christian living.

Context, as they say, is everything. It is still a 'flowery', not very good, rather dated poem, but it does remind us quite clearly that in the beginning God walked with Adam and Eve in the Garden, and that at the end of his life Jesus gained strength from the angel in the garden.

There really is something special about gardens. Ancient desert civilisations made gardens. Persia (Iran) and then India, in particular, were famous for the beauty of their gardens, then they became a part of Christian tradition in cloisters and herb gardens as places of healing and rest, a part of the Islamic tradition as images of paradise; always gardens were places of refreshment, often they were visions of what heaven might be like.

Then through lockdown gardens were rediscovered as sources of healing, a way of renewing and restoring the mind and the soul in difficult times; they were identified as important in maintaining good mental health. Plants are some of the original medicines and many of them are foods in their own right - just think vegetarian and vegan.

The green spaces of gardens, contrasting with the concrete of our cities, provide a way of opening up to God's presence, and clearly, they have always had that capacity.

Traditionally from ancient times God has been seen and experienced in nature, and in gardens, which are both parts of the Creation. God was the friend and companion of Adam and Eve in Eden, was the source of strength and comfort for Jesus in Gethsemane and was the Risen Lord on Easter Day mistaken for a gardener, for a garden was the place of his encounter with Mary Magdalene.

Places where we experience a nearer closeness to God are often described as 'thin' places or, as another poet said, places 'where prayer had been valid'. It was TS Elliott who actually wrote

'You are here to kneel

Where prayer has been valid'

and we, in our generation, are also here not just to kneel but to expand the range of places where prayer has been and can be valid, to sanctify again the spaces of the natural world so that we learn to renew and restore them.

Gardens are good places to start because they have history and pedigree as holy places. We can begin our recognition of the natural world, of God's creation, as both holy and in need of repair by nurturing and cherishing green the spaces closest to us - thinking globally and acting locally.

When I am on holiday I always go and look at, and walk in, gardens and woodlands to reconnect with that awareness of God's presence in all created things. So last week I was in a beautiful garden, and fell into conversation with a woman whose name I did not ask, nor she mine, and we talked about resurrection life and life after death, able to have a profound conversation in conscious awareness of the presence of God with us in the garden.

I realised afterwards that as we spoke, in the shade of a large tree, the awareness of all the possibilities and potential of God's life in the world had washed around us with the blazing sun. No surprise to discover then, after we parted, that it was the dry garden, planted to withstand drought, in which we were speaking – at a time when a drought was actually happening.

When I was training for the priesthood, we were warned that we would be constantly surprised by how few people take their faith practice seriously, but no one said anything about the complete and surprising joy of meeting people of faith who unexpectedly share it with you.

I visited a second garden a day or so later, the quietest place I have been for a very long time. So hot that nothing moved, and no birds sang and sitting on a bench, again in the shade, I looked at the wilting and scorched plants, the brown grass and the dust, the intense colours of sky and crops and grieved for them. As the blazing sun scorched them and sucked the life from them before their time was up, autumn will be early this year because of the drought. I realised, yet again, that even God's generosity may not be able to deal with human wastefulness if we do not start to pay proper attention to renewal, to restoration, and non-wasteful sustainability.

A really simple way of starting to pay attention is to look carefully and really see green and growing things, to take care of what we use and how we nurture them, and to realise that the life within them comes from God. God is not a maker who is just 'out there' in relation to the natural world, but a Creator whose own life permeates all things, is felt and seen and glows within the whole Creation. When the Creation suffers, God suffers with it and within it.

Alison Tyler

Book Launch Party

I belong to a local writing group in Bromley. We come from many walks of life and span a broad range of ages. We are all passionate about writing, however.

Every so often we collaborate with a similar group in Brixton to produce anthologies of our work. This year, we worked on our third collection, *The Other Side*, and in it, our authors explored whatever the words in the title suggested to them. So, for example, there is one story that looks at how daunting crossing the road would be to a little girl, another explores the grief of losing a partner, and a third recounts a typical whodunnit story from the other side, the point of view of the murderer. There are many other stories and poems in the book.

We chose St Mary's church hall for our launch party, and it turned out to be an excellent choice of venue. The Buchan Hall's size and shape were perfectly suited to our group. The lectern we found in the room was a super addition that allowed everyone to stand up and read from one of their pieces, while there were more than enough seats for the fifteen or so authors and their guests.

This was the first occasion that the authors had physically met since the start of the pandemic, so it was a lovely time that was full of smiles and chatter and catching up, as well as readings of selected pieces.

Many thanks to Atlanta for being so helpful, and hopefully we will be back for our fourth book!

The Other Side is available on Amazon. Just search for *Other Side Bromley* and you will find it. It is a very entertaining read!

Robert Williams



Do You Know St Mary's Churchyard?

Most readers will think they know the answer to this question. They will have walked the entrance path to the porch (or pre porch entrance) for years, their way lined with 4 towering lime trees. Others will have memories of the family, friends and church members whose ashes are interred in the Garden of Remembrance or church wall alcove. Our children also enjoy Garden Church there on Sunday mornings in fine weather. Recently I was asked to help with improving churchyard maintenance. I have discovered a lot I didn't know about this familiar breathing space of trees, lawn, grass, gravestones & remembrance.

Who is responsible for the upkeep of the churchyard? Well it seems obvious it must be St Mary's Church.....except it isn't! Most are surprised to learn that the upkeep of our churchyard is the responsibility of Bromley Council, **not** the church. Our churchyard is actually designated as a 'closed cemetery'. This means maintenance responsibilities passed from the Church to the Council. The churchyard became full for parish 'coffin burials' as far back as 1891/92. A Parish Burial Council was formed and a new cemetery with chapel and gatehouse was opened in 1893 in Burnt Ash Lane and consecrated by the Bishop of Dover. All burials ceased at St Mary's with exceptions for unfilled family tombs and plots. A legal process then followed which received approval from the 'Queen in Privy Council' for the closure. It seems at that time Queen Victoria was enjoying life in residence at Osborne House on the Isle of Wight (lucky Queen) so legal formalities were likely finalised there.

When local councils take over churchyard responsibilities, they don't receive any extra funding from central government so in the course of time and with budget restraints, they have often been slow to make churchyard maintenance a priority. Adding to that there are currently 20 trees at St Mary's with Tree Preservation Orders (TPO's) which further restricts the degree of tree maintenance possible and requires permission from the Planning Department. Those of you who have trees professionally maintained will know that the work of qualified tree surgeons is expensive, and they are also in short supply. "Our trees" are actually under the auspices of Bromley Arboricultural Services, part of the Environment and Planning Department. Hopefully much needed tree work is now expected to take place in the near future following a June Inspection by the local Tree Officer.

Meanwhile church member Mike Eames and his trusty chainsaw are doing invaluable work in clearing the neglected vegetation and overgrown seeding trees near the rear boundary. I learnt that a WW11 explosion shattered and scattered gravestones and memorials in this area so Mike has undertaken to gather stone crosses and pieces of gravestones to build a cairn there. A most suitable monument for those whose grave markers were damaged by the war.

A more recent hidden 'secret' of the churchyard was pointed out to me by my daughter when she visited during our Marvellous May festival. In the tangled undergrowth swamped by a large holly tree, she pointed out a patch of blue paint. It seems when St Mary's school closed in 1986 the children painted a



mural on the boundary wall and each signed their name. How lovely it would be for those children, now 40 +years, to know their childhood paintings and names are still there to see if clearance is done.

Although we are hopeful Bromley Cemeteries will resume more regular maintenance there is still an invaluable contribution to be made by volunteers with our gardening groups. If you hear there is a date organised, please do try and come along to help if able. In the words of that supermarket slogan, 'Every little helps'. With help we can use this green space more and sympathetically improve its attractiveness for both people and wildlife. We all need that.

Chris Soper

Thanks to Peter Boyden for his historical information.



Ride and Stride Saturday 10th September



Are you able to Ride and Stride or support those who do? St Mary's is a member of the Friends of Kent Churches (FKC) and they recently awarded this church a generous grant for roof repairs. As St Mary's is in Kent for this purpose, they hoped we would support their main annual fundraising event Ride and Stride. Monies raised enables FKC to continue to grant aid Kent churches.

Participants plan their own routes to visit churches and chapels either locally or further afield in Kent. A printed list of churches and chapels open on Saturday 10th September is available. Ride and Striders seek sponsorship which is recorded on their sponsorship form (with gift aid if possible). They can take part for as long or short time as they wish between 10am-6pm. You can also sponsor a 'Welcomer' at St Mary's who receives the participants.

Sponsorship forms are available at the back of church along with a list to be completed at each church or chapel visited. Refreshments will be available at many churches. Sponsorship money is divided 50/50 between FKC and St Mary's. Last year over £135,000 was raised in Kent with 700 churches and chapels involved. This is also part of a national event when in 2021, £1.2 million was raised that year.

There are many local churches taking part - St Paul's Beckenham, Holy Trinity and St Augustine's Bromley Common, Annunciation and St Nicholas Chislehurst, St Martin and Well Hill Mission Chelsfield, St Peter and St Paul Cudham, St Giles the Abbot Farnborough, All Saints and St Andrew Orpington, St Mary Green Street Green, St Mary St Mary Cray.

Its certainly not too late to participate so either take a sponsorship form at the back of church or contact John Beale or Chris Soper at cmsoper10@gmail.com if you plan to take part either by riding and striding or sponsorship. Enjoy your day out.

www.kentrideandstride.co.uk

Chris Soper

Choir and Music

The choir took a short break from robed duties at services during August, but is now back and straining every throttle to lead the singing in St Mary's. They have a full programme of anthems to prepare for the autumn season, and hope to contribute to a concert or two as well. There are many people who can, and sometimes do, sing with the choir on a Sunday morning, but life is full and can make it difficult for everyone to commit regularly.

St Mary's is fortunate to have a four-part choir singing at most services, prepared to sing an anthem during communion, and to add a little "theatre" to the service, with dressing up and processing. All the singers dedicate their efforts to God, and the choir prays together before and after the service. Whether this improves the quality of their output is not for the choir to determine, but it helps to bond the individuals together into a team.

Singing with a different organist each week has also opened a new channel of insight, as each organist has a slightly different approach to the score, to balance and to speed. The choir has learned much by having to make small weekly adjustments to ensure harmony between voice and instrument. The congregation will have to determine whether this has helped or hindered their worship.

The choir looks forward to another year of musical commitment, revisiting old musical friends and welcoming new pieces into their extensive repertoire. They would also welcome new members, no matter how rusty their music reading, or how often they can come. There is some music the choir would like to sing that requires larger forces than are presently available, so if you like the idea of singing with others, do come and help us achieve new goals.

Peter Fall

Choir Anthems in September

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| 4 th September | "With a voice of singing" by Shaw |
| 11 th September | Family service (no choir) |
| 18 th September | "O come ye servants of the Lord" by Tye |
| 25 th September | "Ave verum" by Elgar |

Mothers' Union Matters

St Mary's Mothers' Union held a very successful Summer Lunch in June. The food and drink was perfect for the occasion: the company was congenial, verging on jolly; and even the weather co-operated..... But it was nearly ruined by a rogue gust of wind that had members of the party grabbing the gazebo to prevent lift-off! Grateful thanks are due to Rev. Alan and Gill Keeler for use of the vicarage garden – and for their superb help and support in the kitchen, not to mention all the equipment provided to make it possible.



Not all MU meetings carry the risk of gazebo lift-off, fortunately. But most hold potential for involvement and revelation. The monthly “Knit and Knatter” sessions are a good example, involving members who can knit – and those who can but natter! In this way, all can keep up-to-date with personal circumstances and prayer requests, and widen their circle of friends. All the while, knitters continue to provide squares for blankets that will go to the homeless, refugees and those fleeing war, via the charity “Knit for Peace”. Mothers' Union does not apologise for supporting both the mundane and the life-saver. Each member takes and gives according to their circumstances, which are not always obvious.



So, if you are looking for local action and information, how about the regular MU meetings in the coming three months?

September (8th) covers “Cleaner and Greener Bromley”, with speaker Parisa Wright. In October (13th) Peter Yolland investigates “A Victorian Railway in South London”, and Alan Aylward talks about the “Woodland Trust” in November (10th).

Meetings start at 10 a.m. with coffee in the Front Room of Church House. You don't have to be a member (or a mother!) to come along; be sure that there will be folk you know.

Peter Fall

Photo credit Margaret Eames.

Mothers' Union Extra

A very happy (and hot!) coffee morning was held in front of the church on Thursday 11th August to help raise funds for the MU “Summer of Hope” campaign. More than twenty people - members and friends - came to have coffee and a chat during the morning, with tables and chairs outside the church. Cakes were made and donated by members, with a selection on each table to complement the coffee, which was served from the church porch. Fortunately there was plenty of shade, as the temperature soared during the morning. But all too soon it was 12 noon and time to rescue cars from yellow lines, or catch the bus, or trudge home through the heat.

A wonderful £163.50 was raised for the MU project that helps women lead and transform their communities all around the world. Thanks are due to all who made cakes, helped with the drinks, moved equipment or just came and supported the event. It was a most satisfactory morning on many levels.

Quotes

For beautiful eyes, look for the good in others; for beautiful lips, speak only words of kindness; and for poise, walk with knowledge that you are never alone. – *Audrey Hepburn*

The older one gets the more one finds the present must be enjoyed; it is a precious gift, comparable to a state of grace. – *Marie Curie*

A view from the pew



Sport seems to have taken over the TV lately. There were the Commonwealth Games, Women's Football European Cup, "The Hundred" cricket series, Golf Majors, Premier League matches, American Open Tennis, Rugby sevens, American Football you name it, it was there. Now I love sport, so I have nothing against a plethora of activities across the spectrum, but should it take over as the metaphor for life?

We probably remember that St Paul memorably said *"Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it."* (I Corinthians 9.24).



I have become increasingly uncomfortable with this metaphor. It seems to imply that only the fit will get to heaven. And that you should spend all your time honing your religious effort to achieve salvation.



I prefer to think that it is better to consider others, rather than attempt to perfect yourself. When I occasionally got "forced" into running competitively, I rarely came higher than fifth in a field of six. At the time I considered that fair

reward for the amount of effort I had put into preparation for the race – which is to say, none at all. Had I trained hard, dieted correctly, practised and honed my limited talent, I might have come fourth. Fourth! The worst place to be, just a fraction off a medal! On the other hand, if I had trained hard, I would have had no time for meeting up with friends, for tackling my academic work, for music, for fun.

I believe that there are times in life when over-concentration on one aspect may be to the detriment of the whole. We all admire the athletes who dedicate their time to preparing and competing, and we cheer them on to

success. St Paul was an obsessive, and achieved a fantastic amount because of his total dedication. But if everyone was like him, the world would not have developed as it has.

Fortunately, not everyone is called to be a St Paul. We should not beat ourselves up because we are not as single-minded. Society needs a broad range of skills, talents and effort to survive and improve. And there are team sports, where individual effort is second to teamwork. We all have a part to play in this ongoing drama. Our core beliefs, and our putting of these into practice, can influence the direction of civilisation's travel.



Quite a responsibility!

Peter Fall

REFLECTIONS

The light of Christ
risen morning sun
shining
through glass.

The perfect light beam
as one, yet scattered,
reflecting the image of
Christ in Glory.

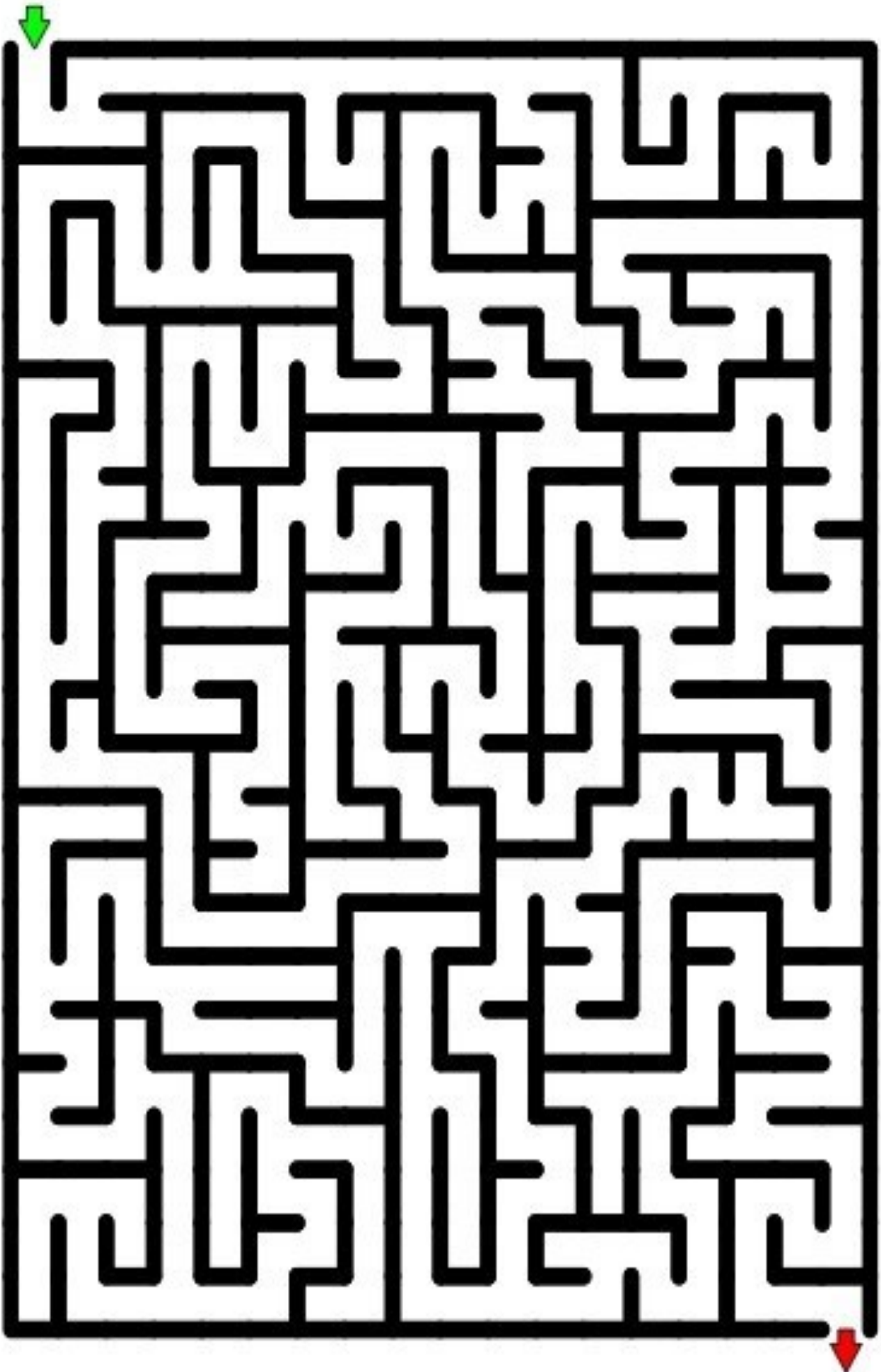
Fast light stills,
reverently serene
upon the window scene
on high,
from where the
spectral Alpha and Omega
are perceived
through unstained glass
pure and Holy
the Light of Christ.

Barbara Buckingham



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Read the Parable of the Sower and the Soils in *Mark 4:1-20*



Found in a country church order for a wedding service.....

“To keep your marriage brimming
With love in the loving cup.
whenever you’re wrong admit it:
whenever you’re right, shut up”

Ogden Nash

New Beginnings

“May this be a day of new beginnings
the sun, like a fragrant apple; the summer air,
soft on your hands as the kiss of a child.
May berries melt like honey on your tongue.
May your heart rise in wonder
at the clouds drifting across the sky.
May the trails under your boots
be covered in pine quills,
let the leaves rain down
like memories
in the autumn of your heart.
May the snow beneath your skis
run as fast as watered silk,
may the cold air kiss your cheeks,
turn them red as summer’s roses.
May the rivers always flow
with their unexpected beauty,
the first freshets of snowmelt,
the rush of early spring.
May you always walk in gladness
through whatever path or highway;
may you always walk within the golden circle of your love.”

Barbara Crooker

Worship Diary

Covid is in many ways in the background at present but the situation could well change. We are offering worship with less restrictions but conscious that a degree of caution is still both wise and appreciated.

Our Sunday Clubs meet when we do not have a Family Service or at times during school holidays.

Our services will continued to be live streamed and can be viewed on our Facebook page unless otherwise stated:

<https://www.facebook.com/stmarysbromley/>

The words of the service can be found on our website:

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

Services for September

Sunday 4th – 12 Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Family Communion with Sunday Clubs

Sunday 11th – 13 Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Family Service

Sunday 18th – 14 Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Family Communion with Sunday Clubs

Sunday 25th – 15 Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Family Communion with Sunday Clubs



Grace Café

We are pleased to be able to continue with the weekly café in the church between 10am and noon. There is always lovely coffee, delicious cake, a warm welcome and good conversation. Please do come and join us.

The big change from the beginning of September will be that Grace Cafe will be held on a Wednesday. We hope that midweek will present an extra attraction as on a Monday you will most likely meet with people you had only seen the day before!

Debi Greer, who heads up Grace Café says there is still a need for more volunteers. The aim is to ask for help once a month. Please consider joining in. The current volunteers will be delighted to talk with you about what is

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