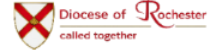


ST MARY'S CHURCH BROMLEY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Sunday 13th September 2026



CREATION SEASON

REFLECTION

*"But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.' **Matthew 6: 30***
- end

Jesus invites us to slow down and notice God's love and care all around us. The birds, the flowers and the changing seasons remind us that we are part of God's wonderful creation, and that God cares for us too. He also invites us to "seek first the kingdom of God." When we trust God to care for us, we can be thankful for what we have and do our part to care for the world and for one another. **Amen** 🙏

SUNDAY WORSHIP · 13th SEPTEMBER · 15th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.30 am : BCP · 10.30AM FAMILY SERVICE

BIBLE READINGS:

Galatians 6:11- end
Matthew 6: 24 -end
Psalm 104: 1-5; 10-15 and 31

HYMNS

137: For the beauty of the earth
505: Think of a world without any flowers
411: The Lord's Prayer
557: Who put the colours in the rainbow?

SUNDAY CLUB - LOOKING AFTER GOD'S WONDERFUL WORLD



There is **no Sunday Club this week** due to our **Family Service at 10:30 am**. Please join us on Sunday for an all-age interactive service as we think and pray about how we can look after the wonderful world God has created. All are welcome to join us!

PASTORAL CARE & PRAYER



If you need Pastoral Care or would like to request prayer for yourself or someone else, please contact our Pastoral Assistant, **Anthia Page (anthiapage@gmail.com)** or add the name to the form at the back of church.

For a copy of the daily prayer list for use at home, please contact **Rev Eucharis**.

Please Hold in Prayer: Richard (Barbara's Cousin), Pat C, Simon E, Gemma Mc, John B (Sheila K's brother-in-law), Lindsey (Friend of Peter and Frances). This week, we pray for God's blessings on our Communication teams, including our tech crew, magazine writers and editors, social media managers, notice boards and flyers designers.

NOTICES

1. CREATION SEASON - 1st September to 4th October 2026 - Living Waters - Looking After God's Wonderful World. This year's global theme for Creation Season is "**Living Waters**," inspired by *Ezekiel 47:1 - 12*, and our Church theme, "**Looking after God's Wonderful World**." These themes invite us to reflect on the precious gift of water and our responsibility to care for all of God's creation.



2. GROUP BASIC AWARENESS SAFEGUARDING TRAINING - Thank you to everyone who attended Monday's Safeguarding Training and helped make it possible. Your time and commitment are greatly appreciated.



Safeguarding helps us maintain a safe and caring church community, especially for children and vulnerable people. If you were unable to attend, please kindly complete the training online using this link <https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/> Thank you for helping us care for one another.

3. IT'S YOUR CALLING - Saturday 31st October 2026, 9.30am-3.30pm at St John's Centre, Meopham It's Your



Calling is aimed at those exploring where God may be calling them, looking at our journey and the gifts God has given us, as well as the biblical understanding of vocation. The day offers a chance to meet others on a similar quest and to think about where God could be calling you, with an opportunity afterwards to speak informally with a Vocations Adviser. Please let **Rev Eucharistia** know if you would like to attend. Please click on this link [Everyday calling - Diocese of Rochester](#), for more information.

4. EASY FUNDRAISING St Mary's Church is now registered with Easy Fundraising. All are welcome to sign up and choose St Mary's Church as their charity. If you shop online through their website, a percentage of your spending is given back to St Mary's - visit easyfundraising.org.uk or scan the QR code for more information. Thank you to everyone who shops through our Easy fundraising portal and supports our charity. Every little helps!



CHURCH SPIRE URGENT APPEAL



During our recent roof repairs (which cost **£24,000**), it was discovered that our church spire is resting on rotting timbers and is currently unsafe. Unfortunately, the vital restoration work will cost approximately **£37,000. Which comes to a total of £61,000.**



Please prayerfully consider how much you can donate to help preserve our church. Please contact **John Beale** (johns.beale@yahoo.co.uk, 07932637005) for more details or make a secure contribution online today.

Donate Online: You can give securely via the [St Mary's Giving Page](#) www.stmarys-bromley.org.uk/giving/

Or by Cheque payable to: St Marys Plaistow PCC

Bank Transfer: Pay the ST MARY PCC account (Account: **42417198** | Sort Code: **60-04-02**), using "Church Spire Donation" as your reference.

FRIENDS OF KENT CHURCHES 'RIDE AND STRIDE' - SAT 12TH SEPTEMBER



St Mary's is again supporting this **Friends of Kent Churches** annual event. A record **£153k** was raised last year and grants of **£176k** were awarded to Kent places of worship for repairs and conservation. We need volunteers to both visit Churches and also keep St Mary's open on 12/09/26 to welcome visitors. Sponsorship for these volunteers is warmly welcomed. Please contact **Chris Soper** at church or on cmsoper10@gmail.com



BAPTISM

Please pray also for **George** and his family as they prepare for his Baptism on **Sunday, 27th September 2026**. All are welcome.



GRACE CAFÉ - A PLACE OF WELCOME

Join us for a drink, cake, and a chat every **Wednesday, 10:00am - 12:00 noon**.



MOTHERS' UNION - GAMES MORNING

M.U. invite you to attend a **games morning** on **10th September, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**, in the front room of Church House. **All are welcome** to join us; please consider bringing a friend.



PRAYER BREAKFAST WITH TALK

Please join us for our first monthly Prayer Breakfast on **Saturday, 12th September, from 9:00 am to 10:00 am at the church**.

'This month's Prayer Breakfast will focus on **Creation Season**, with a talk entitled "**Caring for the Earth in Our Gardens**" by **Maria Staines**. Everyone is warmly invited to join us for a **bring-and-share breakfast**, followed by the talk and a time of prayer. We look forward to sharing this special time together.

KNIT AND KNATTER - THURSDAY 17th SEPTEMBER



We will be joined by **Irene Hurley**, a friend of Jill Atkinson from Holy Trinity, Lamorbey, Sidcup. Irene will be sharing what their Mothers' Union does to support the **Rise Up programme** and how we can help. Anyone is welcome to join us, even if you do not knit. Please come along to listen to Irene and enjoy some **coffee and cake**! Contact **Mary Fall** for more info.

WEDDING



Please pray for **Paul, Lerato, and their families** as they prepare for their wedding on **Saturday, 19th September 2026**.

MESSY VINTAGE LAUNCH - 28TH SEPTEMBER 2026, 2:30PM - 3:45PM



We are excited to announce that Messy Vintage will be starting on **28th September 2026** at St Mary's Church. Please pray for **Anthia, Sheila C**, and the Messy Vintage team as they prepare for this new ministry. Look out for the Flyers in church this Sunday and take one for yourself and take one for a friend.

MUSIC CONCERT (BLACK HISTORY MONTH) - SATURDAY, 3rd OCT, 4:00PM - 6:30PM



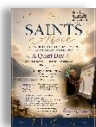
Celebrate Black History Month at our annual **St Mary's Bromley Community Concert**. Enjoy an **extravaganza of diverse music and refreshments**, with a **minimum £10 donation** supporting local church services. All are welcome - **book your tickets now on Eventbrite or contact Clem at events@stmarysbromley.org.uk**

DEANERY CONFIRMATION - SUNDAY 11th OCTOBER, 4.00PM



Confirmation classes will continue on **13th, 20th and 27th September**, every Sunday in the **Family Zone at church**. We look forward to welcoming all those taking part as we journey together in faith, learning and fellowship.

ST MARY'S QUIET DAY - THURSDAY, 15th OCTOBER 2026, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM



Join us for **"Saints Above,"** a Quiet Day of prayer, contemplation, and solitary reflection. **Refreshments and lunch will be provided**. Those wishing to attend are kindly asked to **sign up on the form** available at the back of the church. **Everyone is warmly welcome**.

SPONSORING CHURCH FLOWERS FOR A SPECIAL OCCASION



Church flowers may be sponsored to mark **a special occasion, such as a birthday, anniversary, or in loving memory of someone dear**. Such gifts help enhance the beauty of the church for worship and are a meaningful way to acknowledge important moments in the life of our church family. If you would like a special floral arrangement, please contact **Anne Yolland** (anne.yolland@outlook.com).

EVENING STUDY GROUP



Evening Study continues every **Tuesday, 8.00pm to 9.00pm** via Zoom. Please contact **Peter Boyden** for more details.

BROMLEY LITTLE THEATRE - CHARITY NIGHT TICKETS. 3RD DEC 2026



We have been offered 20 tickets for the Charity Night performance of **Blackadder**, taking place on Thursday, 3rd December 2026 at Bromley Little Theatre. Tickets are £15.00 each. If you would like to attend, please write your name on the sign-up sheet at the back of the church. Your place will be reserved in the order that names are added to the list. As only 20 tickets are available, reservations will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Payment of £15.00 per ticket will be required for each ticket reserved. **All proceeds will go towards the Spire Fund**.

COMMUNITY PAYBACK



The Community Payback team works every **Saturday, 10:00am to 4:00pm**. Thank you to all involved.

DONATIONS WANTED - BROMLEY BOROUGH FOODBANK



Donations of **non-perishable food, toiletries, and household essentials** are always deeply appreciated. Please leave your donations in the foodbank orange box at the back of the church. Thank you for your kindness, generosity, and faithful witness to God's love in our community.



PARISH MAGAZINE

The **September** edition of the Parish Magazine is now available in the church and online. Many thanks to our editor, **Margaret Eames**, for putting this issue together. If you would like to submit an article or notice for the next **October** edition, please send your submissions to **Jill Atkinson** (jilleatk@aol.com) by **Saturday, 19th September 2026**.



ADVERTISE IN OUR PARISH MAGAZINE

We offer advertising for a **year**, a **six-month subscription**, or as a **one-off**. Please contact **John Beale** (johns.beale@yahoo.co.uk) for magazine advertising enquiries.

SERVICES & EVENTS - SEPTEMBER 2026

DATE	EVENT
Sun 13 th Sep · 10.30am	Parish Communion · BCP: 8.30 am Family service 10.30 am
Sun 20 th Sep · 10.30am	Parish Communion
Sun 27 th Sep · 10.30am	Parish Communion with Baptism

REGULAR ACTIVITIES AT ST MARY'S

DATE	EVENT
1 st Tuesdays	Morning Prayer in church
Every Tuesday	Morning Prayer at 9:00am via Zoom (contact Rev Eucharis for the Zoom link)
Every Tuesday	Evening Study Group at 8:00pm by Zoom or in-person
Every 3 rd Thursday of the month	Knit & Knatter Group led by Mothers' Union · 10:00am - 12 noon
Every Thursday	Choir Practice · 7:30pm - 8:30pm
Every 1 st Saturday	Church Cleaning · 10:00am - 12:00 noon
Every Saturday	Community Payback Volunteers · 10:00am - 4:00pm
Every 2 nd Saturday	Prayer Breakfast with Talk · 9am - 10am
Every 2 nd Sunday	BCP · 8:30am & Family Service · 10:30am

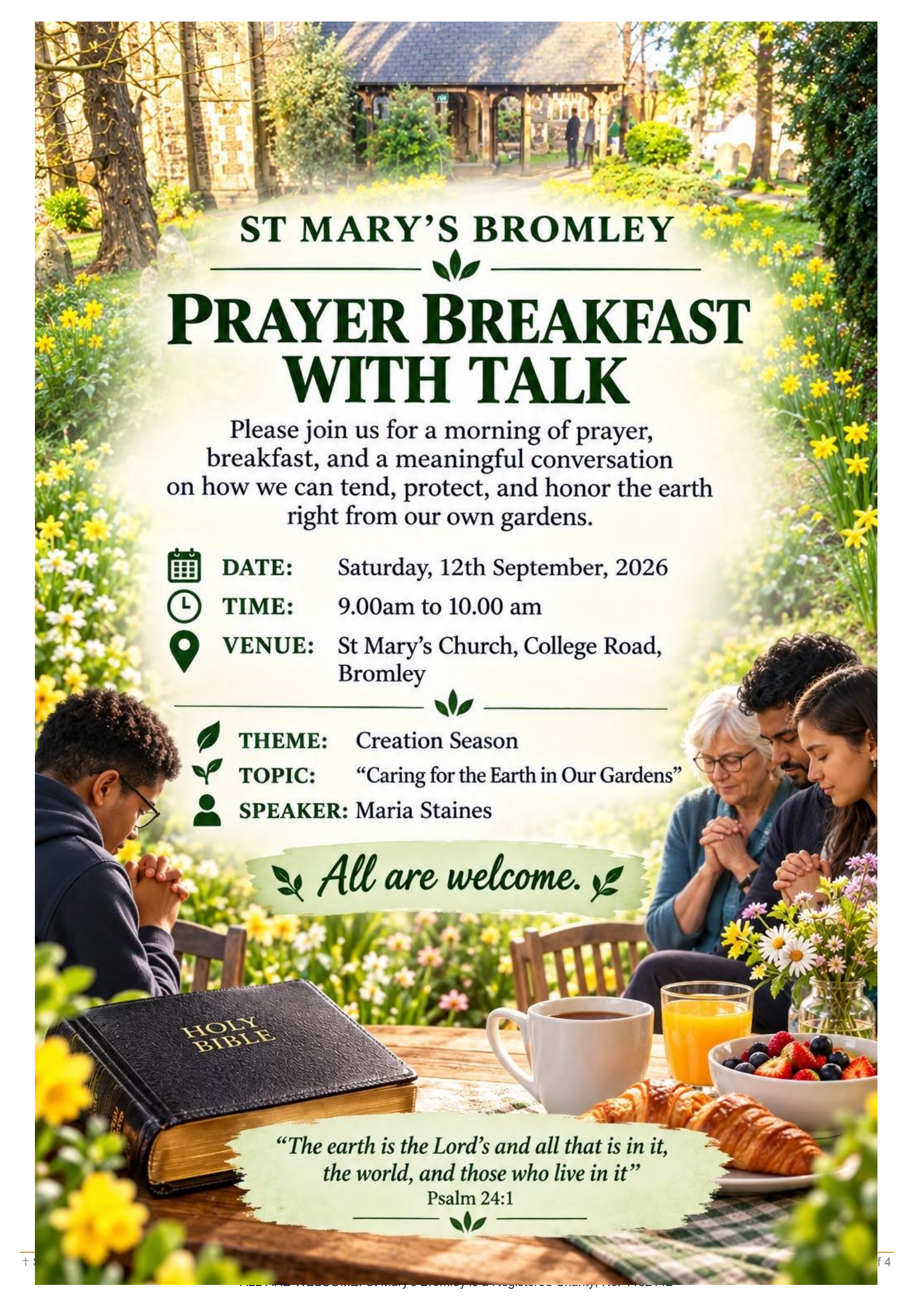
COLLECT

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 🙏 Amen

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

To add items or get our weekly newsletter, please send your updates by email to admin@stmarys-bromley.org.uk by **Tuesday evening** at the latest.

VICAR For Parish Ministry enquiries please contact Rev Eucharis Asiegbu . vicarstmarysbromley@gmail.com 020 3612 0110	PARISH ADMIN For Parish Admin enquiries please contact Manisha Sharma Tues 10-1pm · Wed 10-1pm · Thu 10-2pm admin@stmarys-bromley.org.uk 020 8466 6969	HALL BOOKING For Hall booking enquiries please contact Atlanta Topham stmaryshouseandhall@gmail.com 079 5174 8155	PLEASE FOLLOW US on our social media pages. Our Sunday service is LIVE streamed. Facebook.com/stmarysbromley/ Instagram.com/stmarysbromley/ YouTube.com/@St.MarysBromley Eventbrite.com/o/st-marys-church-bromley-121637821932
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ST MARY'S BROMLEY

PRAYER BREAKFAST WITH TALK

Please join us for a morning of prayer,
breakfast, and a meaningful conversation
on how we can tend, protect, and honor the earth
right from our own gardens.



DATE: Saturday, 12th September, 2026



TIME: 9.00am to 10.00 am



VENUE: St Mary's Church, College Road,
Bromley



THEME: Creation Season



TOPIC: "Caring for the Earth in Our Gardens"



SPEAKER: Maria Staines

All are welcome.

*"The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it"*

Psalm 24:1



St Mary's Church, Bromley



Messy Vintage

MESSY VINTAGE

28th September - Launch + Cream Tea

 **19th October - Harvest Festival**

 **16th November - Memories**

 **21st December - Christmas**

Come and join us!

*Messy Vintage welcomes the older generation,
those with dementia and their carers;
and other disabilities.*

*It offers a time to be creative, have fun,
fellowship, and enjoy refreshments together.*



**61 College Road,
Bromley BR1 3QG**



**Messy Vintage meets on the
3rd Monday of each month
2.15 pm - 3.45 pm**



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