

ST MARY'S CHURCH BROMLEY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Sunday 20th September 2026



CREATION SEASON

REFLECTION

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. 2 He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard..... So the last will be first, and the first will be last." **Matthew 20: 1 - 16**

Jesus says, **"The last shall be first, and the first last."** In Christ, everyone has a place and everyone matters. God's love is generous, welcoming and abundant. As we celebrate Creation Season, may we follow Jesus by sharing that generosity: caring gently for our earth, wasting less, using water wisely, planting and nurturing life, and looking out for those around us. and help God's beautiful creation flourish.

Amen 🙏

SUNDAY WORSHIP · 20th SEPTEMBER · 16th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10.30AM PARISH COMMUNION

BIBLE READINGS:

Exodus 16:2-15

Philippians 1:21-end

Matthew 20:1-16

HYMNS

380: O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder

298: Let there be love shared among us

362: Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing.

30: And can it be

SUNDAY CLUB - GOD'S WONDERFUL WORLD



During Creation Season the Sunday Club sessions are about **God's wonderful world.**

All children are welcome to join us for Sunday's session about **the sea, the land and plants.**

We start in church at **10.30 a.m.**

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 Eucharía.**

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 **Denise, Thomas and Sue** as they take part in our confirmation classes. May God guide and strengthen them as they grow in faith and prepare for this important step in their journey with Christ.

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. 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 Eucharía** know if you would like to attend. Please click on this link [Everyday calling - Diocese of Rochester](#), for more information.





3. 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/](https://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



Thank you to all who supported Ride and Stride again this year with sponsorship and those who kept the church open all day on the 12th for both R&S and London Open House. Special thanks to **the Boydens** who visited churches around Maidstone. Please promptly give them any money pledged and for any other sponsors **Chris Soper** is collecting the money. We are awaiting consideration of a grant application to Friends of Kent Churches towards our extensive roofing work. We were also delighted to have increased number of visitors and some donations through London Open House organised by **John Beale**. It was wonderful to see our church and community coming together. We hope you'll stay connected and join us again at our future events and activities.



BAPTISM

Please pray for **baby George**, his parents & God parents 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**.



PRAYER BREAKFAST WITH TALK

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our **first Prayer Breakfast**, and a special thank you to **Maria** for sharing such a thoughtful and inspiring talk. We are grateful for the fellowship, prayers and conversations we shared. The next Prayer Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, October 10th, from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM at the church, featuring Mike as the speaker.



KNIT AND KNATTER - THURSDAY 17th SEPTEMBER, 10 AM – 11:30 AM

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 continue to keep **Paul and Lerato** in your prayers as they prepare to celebrate their wedding ceremony this **Saturday, 19th September, at 12 noon** at St Mary's Bromley.

Everyone is warmly welcome to join us at the church service as we witness their vows and share in this special moment with them. 🏵️ ❤️

May God bless and guide them as they begin this new chapter together. Amen 🙏

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



We are excited to announce that Merry Vintage will be starting on **28th September 2026** at St Mary's Church. Please pray for **Anthia, Sheila C**, and the Merry 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



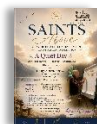
Celebrate Black History Month at our annual St Mary's Bromley Community Concert. Enjoy an **extravaganza of diverse music and refreshments**, with a **minimum £10 donation** supporting local church services. All are welcome - **book your tickets now on Eventbrite or contact Clem at events@stmarysbromley.org.uk**

DEANERY CONFIRMATION - SUNDAY 11th OCTOBER, 4.00PM



Confirmation classes continue on **20th and 27th September** 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. The Evening Study Group will begin a new study with an in-depth look at a book entitled ***What is Religion?***, by an author named Alvares, starting with a face-to-face meeting at **Debi Greer's home at 7.30pm on Tuesday 22 September**. Subsequent meetings may be held by Zoom. For further information please contact **Debi, or Peter Boyden**.

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, **Alison and Paddy**, 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 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 of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through 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.

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