



ST MARY'S CHURCH BROMLEY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Sunday 2nd August 2026



REFLECTION

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Matthew 14: 13 - 21 Amen 🙏

SUNDAY WORSHIP • 2nd AUGUST • 9th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10.30AM PARISH COMMUNION	HYMNS	CHOSEN BY
Readings:	186 Great is thy faithfulness	- Rev Alison
Genesis 32 . 22 – 31	553 Trust and obey	- Robert
Romans 9. 1 – 5	167 God forgave my sin in Jesus name	- Nina
Matthew 14 . 13 – 21	522 To God be the Glory	- Emmanuel

Throughout August, our hymns have been chosen by members of our church family. Thank you to everyone who has shared their favourite hymns.

SUNDAY CLUB — SUMMER BREAK (26th JULY – 30th AUGUST)



Sunday Club is having its summer break from 26th July to 30th August. Families are very welcome to use the resources — toys, books, and activity sheets — in the Family Zone, but there is no formal club running during the holidays.

Sunday 6th September: Sunday Club starts again!

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**.

Important August Update: As we enter a new month, the prayer list has been refreshed. If you would like a name included on the prayer list for August, please ensure you sign the list located at the back of the church.

Please Hold in Prayer: **Richard** (Barbara's Cousin), **Manisha S**, The family and friends of **Carol L**, who passed away recently. **This week we pray particularly for:** Grace Café and Pastoral team as they take a break during August.

NOTICES

1. Church Cleaning: Saturday, 1st August 2026, 10.00 am to 12.00 noon. All are welcome to join us as we clean the church this Saturday.

2. Group Basic Awareness Safeguarding Training — Monday 7th September, 2.30pm at Church
There will be a group basic awareness safeguarding training for all volunteers. A sign-up sheet is available at the back of the church. If you haven't done the training or yours is about to expire, this is an opportunity to sign up and do the training as a group. Please contact Anne Yolland for more information.

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, or visit the Diocese of Rochester ministry training page for more information.

3. Creation Season — 1st September to 4th October 2026 - More details to follow.



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.

5. Burial of Ashes — 12th August 2026, 11.00am - Please pray for the Harney family as they prepare to lay the ashes of Kevin to rest in the churchyard on Wednesday, 12th August 2026 at 11.00am.

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**.

Please prayerfully consider how much you can donate to help preserve our church. You can speak directly to **John Beale** 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/](http://www.stmarys-bromley.org.uk/giving/)

Bank Transfer: Pay the ST MARY PCC account (Account: **42417198** | Sort Code: **60-04-02**), using "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

GRACE CAFÉ — A PLACE OF WELCOME



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

Please note that Grace Café is having a little summer break in August. We look forward to welcoming you again from Wednesday 2nd September. Thank you to all the Grace Café volunteers — your hard work is highly appreciated. Have a blessed August break!



BAPTISM

We give thanks for baby Reuben, who was baptised last Sunday. Please pray also for Olivia, Lawrence and George, and their families, as they prepare for their baptisms soon.



HYMNS FOR AUGUST – FINAL CALL!

Every August, the congregation chooses their favourite hymns. Please email your chosen hymns to Rev Eucharis.

DEANERY CONFIRMATION – SUNDAY 11th OCTOBER, 4.00PM



There will be a Deanery Confirmation on Sunday, 11th October 2026 at St John's, Bromley. Please let Rev Eucharis know if you would like to be confirmed so that you can be added to the list.



MOTHERS' UNION

The Mothers' Union invites everyone to The Porch Coffee Morning on Wednesday, 5th August 2026, from 10am. All are welcome.

COMING SOON – MESSY VINTAGE



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.

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 (pboyden@yahoo.co.uk) for more details.



SAVE THE DATES

Messy Vintage Launch: Monday, 28th September 2026, 2.30pm–4.00pm

Music Concert (Black History Month): Saturday, 3rd October 2026, 4.00pm–6.00pm

St Mary's Quiet Day: Thursday, 15th October 2026, 10am–3pm



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 July/August edition of the Parish Magazine is available on the table at the back of church. Items for the September edition should be sent to the editor, Alison T (alisonrtyler@gmail.com), by Tuesday, 21st August.

BROMLEY BOROUGH GOSPEL PROJECT



Transform Bromley Borough has a vision to place Mark's Gospel into the hands of people across Bromley this Christmas, and to create opportunities for follow-up through Discovery Bible Study groups. Churches are encouraged to contribute towards the cost of the books. Please let Rev Eucharika know if you would like to make a donation so that St Mary's Church can secure at least three boxes, at a total cost of approximately £150.



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 — JULY / AUGUST 2026

DATE	EVENT
Sun 2 nd Aug · 10.30am	Parish Communion
Wed 5 th Aug · 10.00am	Mothers' Union Porch Coffee Morning

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 Eucharika 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

COLLECT

Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord. 🙏 Amen

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

To add items or get our weekly newsletter, please send your updates by email to Newsletter.StMarys@outlook.com by **Tuesday evening** at the latest.

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