

'the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority' (Matthew 21:23)



Lord of truth and mercy, as Jesus faced the questioning of those who would not see, grant us hearts that recognise your authority and wills that turn toward your way. May our lives bear the fruit of repentance, our actions reflect your kingdom, and our faith shine with grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Compassionate God, As the season turns and the days grow shorter, hold close all who are sick or in any kind of distress — in our St Mary's family and in the wider world you love. Grant them comfort in pain, calm in anxiety, and the quiet strength that comes from knowing you walk with them. We especially pray for: - **JO HENDERSON - MARGARET DRUMMOND - DENISE HALEY - ALAN WOOLSTON - ELEANOR BROOKS - HILARY ABRAHAMS - DIANA HEATHER - ANN BARTLETT - BARBARA JARVIS - SARAH WILLIS - MARK MARKCOONS - JO WATKINS - MARTYN DILLEY - SUZANNE MILLER - SUE & EMMA KINKEAD. Amen.**

Lord, teach us that it is never too late to come to you; never too late to declare our faith, seek your pardon, or renew our commitment. Whatever we have left undone, help us to do it now. Amen



Thank you for donations for **the work of St Mary's**, either via the contactless payment device at the back of church or donate via the 'give a little' website or QR code here.

Youth Worker - Please continue to pray for preparations for this vital work, which is progressing well.

St. Mary the Virgin PEW SHEET - 27th September 2026

17th Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am All Age Family Communion

COLLECT for 17th Sunday after Trinity

Gracious God,
you call us to fullness of life:
deliver us from unbelief
and banish our anxieties
with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

HYMNS: **MP 699** Thou whose almighty word, **Hymn 115** Do not be afraid for I have redeemed you, **Hymn 575** Rejoice the Lord is King (Offertory Hymn), **Hymn 200** Great is thy faithfulness.

READINGS: Exodus 17: 1-7 (p.66), Matthew 21: 23-32 (p.22)

THIS WEEK

9.15am **Morning Prayers** Zoom Tues-Wed (link from the office), in church **Mon-Fri** 9.15am, **Sat** 10am
10am-12pm Church Open for **Quiet Space** Mon – Sat apart from*
28th Sept Mon **10.30am Harvest Floral Creations** in church
29th Sept *Tues **St Mary's Pre School Harvest Service** 11.30am
30th Sept Wed 12.30-3pm Meeting Room & church open as a **Welcome Space** (takes place weekly)

Next Sunday: 4th October - 18th Sunday after Trinity

8am – Holy Communion

10.30am – Harvest Festival – All age worship, donations for Hayes Community foodbank
Sunbeams session for 3-6 year olds

Blaze Team - if you would like to **join the Blaze Team**, supporting our 6–10-year-old group during worship once a month, please tell Rev Amanda or Rev Tim.

Chalice assistant and Intercessors – if you would like to become involved with either of these roles, please speak to Rev Amanda.

Psalm 78: 1-4, 12-16

- ¹ Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- ² I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings from of old,
³ things that we have heard and known,
that our ancestors have told us.
- ⁴ We will not hide them from their children;
we will tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might,
and the wonders that he has done.
- ¹² In the sight of their ancestors he worked marvels
in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoan.
- ¹³ He divided the sea and let them pass through it,
and made the waters stand like a heap.
- ¹⁴ In the daytime he led them with a cloud,
and all night long with a fiery light.
- ¹⁵ He split rocks open in the wilderness,
and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep.
- ¹⁶ He made streams come out of the rock,
and caused waters to flow down like rivers.

Outdoor Church in St. Mary's Garden – as part of **Creationtide**, our next 'Outdoor Church' services will be at **4.30pm** on **Sunday 27th Sept** in the church garden. All ages are invited (please dress for the weather!). The services will last about half an hour.

Bromley Three Faiths Group – Peace Walk – will be held on **Sun 27th Sept** at Keston Common. Meet at 12.30pm at the Keston Common Car Park (BR2 6AT). Refreshments after at the Al-Emaan Centre, Keston. Please speak to Rev Tim or Rev Amanda to join the Three Faiths Group mailing list.

Warm Welcome Space – Cake and Soup Volunteers - in October we move to an autumnal menu with soup and roll followed by tea and cake. If you feel you would like to make soup or cakes for this, please let Mary Stannard (07732 047661) or Stuart Spence (07917 024481) know.

'The Vortex' by Noel Coward - we have been offered charity preview tickets for this play at **Bromley Little Theatre, 7.45pm** on **8th October**. Tickets are £12.50 each with all proceeds going to Bromley Homeless. Please contact Stuart on 07917 024481 if you are interested. Depending on interest, we may be able to use the minibus to get there for a small extra charge.



Harvest Floral Creations – will take place in Church on **Mon 28th September** from **10.30 am** onwards. All welcome, refreshments provided. Please let Sue Powell or Pat Eve know if you would like to join. Or contact the church office 0208 462 1373 / info@stmaryshayeskent.co.uk

Save The Date - St Mary's is holding a **Family Light Party** again this year (for children up to and including Year 6) to celebrate All Hallows Eve in the church on **31st October 2025** between **4-6pm**. Please let Stuart Spence (07917 024481) know if you're able to help out with the event.

Service of Baptism and Confirmation – there will be a service of Baptism and Confirmation led by the Bishop of Rochester, the Right Revd Dr Jonathan Gibbs on **Sunday 11th October** at **4pm** at **St John's Church, Park Road, Bromley BR1 3HJ** – all are welcome. For more details, please see the poster in the porch under 'Events'.

Mothers' Union Coffee Morning (cancelled) – please note that the coffee morning scheduled for 6th October at the George in Hayes has been cancelled.

Worship Review – October 11th after 10.30pm Parish Communion

You are all invited to join with your coffee to review our worship at St Mary's. We are keen to hear your views, on current worship and what we can do to reach out to our community.

Primary School Harvest Assemblies – if you are able to help out on **30th September** please speak to Rev Amanda or Rev Tim.