

'Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful. It does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.' (1 Corinthians 13: 4-7)

A Safeguarding Prayer

Dear Lord, help us to be a church that loves, welcomes and protects, values, cares and believes. Teach us to love as you love. **Amen.**

A Prayer for the sick

Loving and merciful God, we pray for all who are sick, frail, or vulnerable in the St Mary's family. May they know your comfort, your peace, and the assurance of your presence each day. We especially pray for those in our community: **- JO HENDERSON - MARGARET DRUMMOND - 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.** Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We give thanks for the improvement in health of David Littler.

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*

A big thank you – we raised £634 on Remembrance Sunday for the Royal British Legion.

Pen Pals Tea Party – if you are able to help with refreshments for this tea party on **1st December at 2pm** please let Rev Amanda know or the church office 0208 462 1373.

St. Mary the Virgin PEW SHEET – 15th November 2026

Safeguarding Sunday – 2nd Sunday before Advent

8.00am Holy Communion
9.15am Rise & Shine
10.30am Morning Praise

COLLECT for Second Sunday before Advent

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

HYMNS: **Hymn 1201** Christ be our light, **Hymn 456** Make me a channel of Your peace, **Hymn 619** Such love (Offertory Hymn), **Hymn 445** Shine Jesus Shine

READINGS: 1 Corinthians 13: 4-7 (p.171), John 15:9-17 (p.106)

THIS WEEK

	Mon - Fri 9.15am, **Sat** 10am **Morning Prayers** in church, **Tues - Wed** also on Zoom (link from the office)
	Mon - Sat Quiet Space 10am-12pm, Church Open
16th Nov	**Mon**–**Mothers' Union Meeting**10.30am Meeting Room
17th Nov	**Tues - Bible Study** 11.am-12.15pm Meeting Room
18th Nov	**Wed** - **Welcome Space** 12.30-3pm Meeting Room & church open for coffee, lunch & fellowship (weekly)
20th Nov	**Fri – Twinkles** 10am in Meeting Room

Next Sunday: 22nd November – Christ the King
8am - Holy Communion
10.30am – All Age Family Communion
4:30pm Outdoor church – starting indoors!

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

Hymn 1201 – Christ be our light

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.
Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts...

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
Shared until all are fed.
Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts...

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.
Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts...

Safeguarding training

If you hold a role within the Church or wish to complete online training please collect a leaflet from the back of the Church with details of how to complete the training.

Safeguarding contact numbers

Safeguarding Officer: Clare Scriven
Clare.scriven@icloud.com 0775 123 7577

Bromley Council Adult Social Care: 020 8461 7777

Bromley Domestic Abuse Support: 020 8313 9303

Email: info@bcwa.org.uk

Diocese Safeguarding Team

Caroline.smith@rochester.anglican.org 07768 036 590

Safe Spaces- support for victims & survivors

www.safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk 0300 303 1056

Bromley Repair Cafe – information morning **14th November** at St Marks church, 10am-1pm. Welcome to come and find out more, further details on poster in the porch.

Training on recognising the signs of Modern Slavery - the Diocese of Rochester is offering training on this important subject. An interactive online training session, to learn more about it will be held on **Monday 23rd November** from 14:00-15:30. Please speak to Rev Amanda if you are interested.

St Mary's Singing Group - do you enjoy singing? Can you hold a tune? If you would like to have a go at singing Christmas carols and at services in December, please speak to Gail Freeman or Graham Long, or whatsapp Gail on 07939 150676.

Citizens London – will be holding a session on faith and community on **21st November at 9am** at St. Francis of Assisi in West Wickham – where they will discuss what community organising is and how it can help us love our neighbour. You can sign up using this link: https://actionnetwork.org/events/introduction-to-community-organising-12?source=direct_link&

Mark's gospel initiative - we are joining with other local churches to hand out personalised Bromley gospels. Training is offered for all who would like to be involved. Please see Rev Amanda.



St Mary's Charity Fair is fast approaching. This year it will be at The Old Church School halls on **Sat 28th November** between 1.30 and 4pm.If you would be able to help with the event please contact Stuart Spence (07917 024481). If you have any **new and unopened gifts that you can donate** please leave these in the basket in the porch.

Outdoor church - indoors! All ages are welcome to join us on Sunday **22nd Nov at 4:30pm**. As it will be dark outside we will begin indoors in the meeting rooms, but please bring outdoor coats and footwear with you. If you are able to help setting up please speak with Rev Amanda or Rev Tim.