

Sunday 5th April – Easter Day

10am Parish Eucharist with lighting of the new Paschal Candle and music by Stanford and Vierne

Churches Together in Central Bromley – Lent Course 2026

Churches Together in Central Bromley will be facilitating a Lent study course this year, consisting of five interactive studies exploring the First Letter of John. Sessions will take place on Tuesdays between 7.45 to 9.30pm, beginning on 24th February until 24th March. The group will meet at St Peter & St Paul's Church Bromley. Admission is free and all are most welcome. For further details please contact office@saintjohnsbromley.com

The Diocese of Rochester's "Called Together" Programme

In March 2025, the Diocese of Rochester secured nearly £11 million of funding from the National Church to support the Called Together vision. This is a nine-year programme of work to grow missional churches, with missional leaders and missional disciples. This is the largest external funding award the Diocese has ever received in support of mission and ministry, and it is designed to enrich every church setting. An update has just been shared about how work around the vision is progressing. Please visit: www.rochester.anglican.org/about-us/ourvision/progress-updates/ and/or see the information at the back of the church to update yourselves on this exciting project.

In the service today:

Servers: Gaye Blagden & Emily Jones

Reader: Barbara Pikesley

Intercessions: The Vicar - The Rev'd Michael Gentry

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Vicar: The Rev'd Michael Gentry

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Please see the porch noticeboard and notices in church for details of all regular and seasonal services and the website: www.stmarksbromley.org.uk

St Mark's Church, Bromley

15 March 2026

Mothering Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent)

The Rev'd Michael Gentry – The Vicar

Proclamation:	333	All my hope on God is founded
Gradual:	297	Lord Jesus Christ
Offertory:	161	For Mary, Mother of the Lord
Communion:		Be still, for the presence of the Lord*
Final:	186	Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord

*Please see your pew paper for the words to this hymn

Setting: Mass in the Dorian Mode - Barrie Cabena (1933-2025)

Anthem: All things bright and beautiful - John Rutter (b.1945)

Organ Voluntary: Water Music: Alla Danza - George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

Collect: God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Reading: Exodus 2. 1-10: 2 A man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. ²The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. ³When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. ⁴His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. ⁵The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. ⁶When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. ⁷Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" ⁸Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. ⁹Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. ¹⁰When

the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

Please turn to face the gospel as it is read from the central aisle

The Gospel: Luke 2. 33-35: ³³The child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about Jesus. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul, too."

Prayers

Today's Bidding and Response During Prayers:

Bidding – Lord, help us to see others as you see them

Response – Help us to love them like you do

For all who are unwell at this time:

Hazel Robins, James Bunting, Tobias Franzén, Mary Marsh,
Elaine Morrison, Roderick Cupido and Cheryl Nicholls

For the recently departed:

Robert Crawley and Diane Traynor

To add names to or remove names from these lists please contact Ruth Russell -
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Post Communion Prayer: Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Coffee/tea and biscuits will be served in the church hall after this service. All are most welcome to join us.

Forward Programme

Wednesday 18th March – St Mark's Friendship Group

12 – 2pm in the church hall – shared lunch for the last meeting of this term.

Wednesday 18th March – Meeting of the Parochial Church Council

Sunday 22nd March – The Fifth Sunday of Lent

10am Parish Eucharist and 6.30pm Choral Evensong

Wednesday 25th March – The Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary

6.30pm Said Eucharist

Sunday 29th March – Palm Sunday

10am Parish Eucharist with distribution and blessing of Palm Crosses.

Communion Hymn – Be still, for the presence of the Lord

1. Be still, for the presence of the Lord, The Holy One is here; Come bow before Him now With reverence and fear. In Him no sin is found, We stand on holy ground; Be still, for the presence of the Lord, The Holy One is here.	2. Be still, for the glory of the Lord Is shining all around; He burns with holy fire, With splendour He is crowned. How awesome is the sight, Our radiant King of light! Be still, for the glory of the Lord Is shining all around.
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3. Be still, for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place;
He comes to cleanse and heal,
To minister His grace.
No work too hard for Him,
In faith receive from Him;
Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place.

David J. Evans (b. 1957)

Holy Week Services 2026

Thursday 2nd April – Maundy Thursday

8pm Sung Eucharist with Washing of Feet and Stripping of the Altars, followed by the Watch until Midnight

Friday 3rd April – Good Friday

1pm Stations of the Cross & 2pm Liturgy of the Last Hour with hymns, readings of the Passion and music by Pergolesi and Vaughan Williams.

Saturday 4th April – Easter Eve

8pm – Easter Vigil including psalms and organ improvisation.
