

Midweek Communion Service

Please note that Midweek Communion Services will recommence from Wednesday 27th May. Services will take place at 11.15am on Wednesday mornings, to tie in with Friendship Group meetings when they are taking place.

Saturday 30th May – A Prayer Festival

The heart of mission is prayer, and this prayer festival will explore different ways of praying. It will take place in West Malling, at St Benedict's Centre and Malling Abbey between 10am and 4pm on Saturday 30th May. The keynote speaker will be Canon Dr Neville Emslie, Director of Mission and Ministry in the Diocese of Canterbury and workshops will include pilgrimage, Christian meditation, Celtic Prayer, Labyrinth Pilgrimage, Praying with Dreams, Ignatian Prayer & the Jesus Prayer. There is a suggested donation £10-20, and if you would like more information or to book tickets, please contact Susanne Carlsson, the Diocesan Director of Spirituality at susanne.carlsson@rochester.anglican.org

Sunday 7th June - Annual General Meeting of The Friends of St Mark's

The Annual General Meeting of The Friends of St Mark's will take place on Sunday 7 June in the church hall after the 10am Parish Eucharist. All are most welcome to attend and new members of the Friends are always welcome. Please speak to Pat Openshaw, Roger Parry, Stephen Stringer or Ted Jackson if you interested in joining The Friends.

In the service today:

Servers: Philip Hood and Emily Jones

Reader: Gaye Blagden

Intercessions: The Rev'd Michael Gentry - The Vicar.

Director of Music: Richard Sutton ATCL

Contact Details

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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

10 May 2026

6th Sunday of Easter

The Rev'd Michael Gentry - Vicar

Hymns

Proclamation:	265	Lord of beauty, thine the splendour
Gradual:	456	Teach me, my God and King
Offertory:	420	O Jesus, I have promised
Communion:	387	Jesus, good above all other
Final:	395	Let bells peal forth the universal fame

Setting: Mass of St Thomas - David Thorne (b.1950)

Anthem: Holy is the true light - William Harris (1883-1973)

Organ Voluntary: Gigue: "Go, tell it on the mountain" - Aaron Miller (b.1972)

Collect: God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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: Acts 17. 22-31: ²²Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we, too, are his offspring.' ²⁹"Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver

or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

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

The Gospel: John 14. 15-21: ¹⁵ Jesus said to his disciples: “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ¹⁸ “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

Prayers

Today's Bidding and Response During Prayers:

Bidding - Come close to us and help us, O Lord

Response - Give us your peace.

For all who are unwell at this time:

James Bunting, Tobias Franzén, Mary Marsh, Roderick Cupido, Cheryl Nicholls,
Bob and Jenny Humble, William Wright and Heather, Keith & Colin Pagano

For the recently departed: Hazel Robins, Ian Dawes & Chrislyn Wright

To add names to or remove names from these lists please contact Ruth Russell -
hr@stmarksbromley.org.uk

Post Communion Prayer: God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

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

Forward Programme

Thursday 14th May – Ascension Day - 8pm Sung Eucharist

Sunday 17th May – Seventh Sunday of Easter - 10am Parish Eucharist

Sunday 17th May – 11.30am – The Meeting of Parishioners for the Election of Churchwardens & The Annual Parochial Church Meeting – please see below for details.

Wednesday 20th May – St Mark's Friendship Group

12-2pm in the church hall – BYO lunch – details on the notice board at the back of the church – please join us, everyone is most welcome.

Wednesday 20th May – Meeting of the Parochial Church Council

Sunday 24th May – Day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

10am Parish Eucharist and 6.30pm Choral Evensong

Annual Parochial Church Meeting – Sunday 17th May

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of parishioners for the election of churchwardens and the annual parochial church meeting (APCM), will both take place in the church hall from approximately 11.30am on Sunday 17th May 2026. Anybody on the Electoral Roll of St Mark's is very welcome to join us for these very important meetings in the life of our church. Copies of the Financial Statement and Reports are available at the back of the church this morning for your information, and there will also be copies available for all, on the morning of the meeting.

2026 Revision of the Electoral Roll at St Mark's

This year's revision of the Electoral Roll at St Mark's took place on Sunday 26th April 2026. A copy of the new roll is available on the notice board at the back of the church this morning. If you would like your name to be added to the roll and unfortunately missed the opportunity of this year's review, please speak to the Vicar or contact Ruth Russell, our Electoral Roll Officer, and your name will be added after the APCM on the 17th May. Ruth Russell - hr@stmarksbromley.org.uk .

Christian Aid Week – 2026

Today marks the start of Christian Aid Week for this year. The collection at today's Sunday Eucharist will be donated to Christian Aid in support of their Christian Aid Week appeal. There is further information about Christian aid week on the Christian Aid website (www.christianaid.org.uk) and please pray that parents living with the relentless stress of food insecurity can access training and tools that will support them to provide for their children.
