

Successful Recruitment at St Mark's

The Vicar and the PCC are delighted to announce the appointment of the following people as volunteer helpers at St Mark's:

Intercessors:

Eleanor Franzen;
Ursula Phillips and
David Young

Sidespeople / Welcomers:

Kate Buchanan;
Stuart Buchanan;
Richard Collins;
Glenda Isaacs;
Jermaine Isaacs;
Barbara Pikesley;
Marian Smith and
Catherine Webb

We are delighted to say that Ted Jackson and Florina Robinson will also continue to fulfil this role and to support the new rota. Many thanks to everyone who has volunteered to support life at St Mark's by taking on these important responsibilities.

Activities for children during Sunday services at St Mark's

All parents and children are very welcome to use the children's area at the back of Church where there are some books, colouring sheets and activity sheets related to the Bible readings for the day. From September we aim to have some activities for children in the Church Hall during part of the service so that we can be more creative and active. This will initially be aimed at the younger children who have been coming regularly to church over recent months. There will be more details over the summer. Thank you to those who have already offered to help with this important initiative for St Mark's. If anyone else is interested in helping please speak with the Vicar for more information.

In the service today:

Servers: Philip Hood & Emily Jones

Reader: Margaret Hales

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

Director of Music: Richard Sutton ATCL

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St Mark's Church, Bromley

21 June 2026

Third Sunday after Trinity

The Rev'd Michael Gentry - Vicar

Hymns

Processional:	343	Bright the vision that delighted
Gradual:	337	As pants the hart for cooling streams
Offertory:	485	Thy hand, O God, has guided
Communion:	308	Thee we adore, O hidden Saviour, thee
Final:	336	Angel-Voices ever singing

Setting: St Anne's Mass - James MacMillan (b.1959)

Anthems: Set me as a seal upon thy heart - William Walton (1902-1983)

Organ Voluntary: Toccata - Leo Sowerby (1895-1968)

Collect: Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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: Genesis 21. 8-21: ⁸The child Isaac grew and was weaned, and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. ⁹But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. ¹⁰So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son, for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." ¹¹The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. ¹²But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. ¹³As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." ¹⁴So Abraham rose early in the morning and took bread and a skin of water and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. ¹⁵When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. ¹⁶Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off,

about the distance of a bowshot, for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. ¹⁷ And God heard the voice of the boy, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid, for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. ¹⁸ Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." ¹⁹ Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink. ²⁰ God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness and became an expert with the bow. ²¹ He lived in the wilderness of Paran, and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

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

The Gospel: Matthew 10. 24-39: Jesus summoned the twelve and sent them out with the following instruction: ²⁴ "A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; ²⁵ it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! ²⁶ "So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷ What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸ Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. ³⁰ And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹ So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³² "Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, ³³ but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. ³⁴ "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword. ³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, ³⁶ and one's foes will be members of one's own household. ³⁷ "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, ³⁸ and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

Prayers

Today's Bidding and Response During Prayers:

Bidding – Lord, in your mercy

Response – Hear our prayer

For all who are unwell at this time:

James Bunting, Tobias Franzén, Mary Marsh, Roderick Cupido, Cheryl Nicholls,
Bob and Jenny Humble, William Wright, & Pam Prisley.

For the recently departed:

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

Post Communion Prayer: O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **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 24th June - 11.15am Midweek Said Communion Service

Readings: Isaiah 40. 1-11 and Luke 1. 57-66 & 80

Sunday 28th June - The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

10am Parish Eucharist

Wednesday 1st July - 11.15am Midweek Said Communion Service

Readings: Amos 5. 14-15 & 21-24 and Matthew 8. 28-end

Wednesday 1st July - St Mark's Friendship Group

12 – 2pm in the church hall – BYO lunch – please see the notice board at the back of the church for more details. Please join us, all are most welcome.

Wednesday 1st July - 7pm - Confirmation Class – Church Hall

Sunday 5th July – The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

10am Parish Eucharist & 6.30pm Choral Evensong

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation classes will begin on Wednesday 1st July at 7pm in the Church Hall for anyone wishing to prepare for Confirmation. The sessions will provide an opportunity to learn more about the Christian faith, ask questions, and develop a deeper relationship with God. If you are interested in Confirmation, please contact the Vicar –
vicar@stmarksbromley.org.uk

New Readers' Rota

The new readers' rota which takes us up to the end of September, is now available on the notice board at the back of the church. If you are able to read for us at any of these services please put your name on the rota. You will receive the details of the reading when the relevant pew paper is published, during the week before the service. Thank you very much.
