

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.

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: Barbara Pikesley

Intercessions: The Rev'd Neil Fairlamb

Director of Music: Richard Sutton ATCL

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St Mark's Church, Bromley

28 June 2026

Fourth Sunday after Trinity

The Rev'd Neil Fairlamb

Hymns

Processional:	449	Soldiers of Christ, arise
Gradual:	341	Blest are the pure in heart
Offertory:	353	Dear Lord and Father of mankind
Communion:	456	Teach me, my God and King
Final:	439	Praise to the Holiest in the height

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

Anthems: And didst thou travel light - Richard Shephard (1949-2021)

Organ Voluntary: Nun danket alle Gott - Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

Collect: O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Reading: Jeremiah 28. 5-9: ⁵ The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord, ⁶ and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord and all the exiles. ⁷ But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸ The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹ As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet."

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

The Gospel: Matthew 10. 40-42: ⁴⁰ "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

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: Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son 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 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

Wednesday 8th July – 11.15am Midweek Said Communion Service

Readings: Hosea 10. 1-3, 7-8 and 12 and Matthew 10. 1-7

Wednesday 8th July – 7pm – Confirmation Class – Church Hall

Sunday 12th July – The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

10am Parish Eucharist

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

Music for Choral Evensong – Sunday 5th July

The introit, *Richard de Castre's Prayer to Jesus* by Richard Terry (1865–1938), sets a Middle English devotional text attributed to the fourteenth-century priest Richard de Castre. Terry, known for his pioneering revival of Tudor church music at Westminster Cathedral, clothes this intimate prayer in a gentle, modal idiom that evokes the spirituality of England's medieval past. The Responses are by Richard Ayleward (1626–1669), Organist of Norwich Cathedral. Among the finest examples of the Restoration Anglican repertory, Ayleward's settings combine expressive melodic writing with a natural sensitivity to the rhythms of the liturgy. The Evening Service in E by Sydney Watson (1884–1967) belongs to the rich flowering of Anglican church music in the early twentieth century. Watson, who served as Director of Music at Christ Church, Oxford, and later at Canterbury Cathedral, wrote music that combines warmth of expression with practical understanding of cathedral choirs. His setting is notable for its lyrical melodies, confident harmonic language, and moments of quiet radiance. The anthem, *And I saw a new heaven* by Edgar Bainton (1880–1956), is one of the most beloved choral works of the Anglican repertoire. Setting words from the Book of Revelation, Bainton creates a vision of heavenly peace through transparent harmonies and long melodic lines. The work reaches its emotional centre in the words "and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes", before concluding in an atmosphere of serene assurance and hope. Following the service, the organ voluntary is *Rhapsody in C-sharp minor* by Herbert Howells (1892–1983). Composed in 1918, the *Three Rhapsodies* reveal the young Howells already developing the distinctive harmonic language for which he would later become famous. The Third Rhapsody is the most expansive and dramatic of the set, juxtaposing passages of brooding intensity with moments of luminous lyricism. – **Richard Sutton – Director of Music**