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Rev Michael and Theresa Weller

Growing God's kingdom across the Diocese of Rochester

Our church is part of the Diocese of Rochester. As a family of faith across Medway, north and west Kent, and the London Boroughs of Bromley and Bexley, we are on a shared journey to grow God's Kingdom. 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 received in support of mission and ministry, and It is designed to enrich every church setting. In the latest update on the diocesan-wide Called Together vision, find out how churches across the Diocese are starting to see the benefits, with new staff funded by the bid in post, bringing increased capacity to support churches with their local mission, from schools' engagement and leadership development to parish revitalisation and mission initiatives. Read the latest update on how work is progressing by visiting: www.rochester.anglican.org/about-us/ourvision/progress-updates/ or pick up a printed sheet as you leave church today.

In the service today:

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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

19 July 2026

Seventh Sunday after Trinity

The Rev'd Valerie Pearce

Hymns

Processional:	265	Lord of beauty, thine the splendour
Gradual:	349	Come, let us join our cheerful songs
Offertory:	296	Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour
Communion:	366	God of mercy, God of grace
Final:	466	Thou whose almighty word

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

Organ Voluntary: Postlude in G major - Georg Riemenschneider (1848-1913)

Collect: Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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 28. 10-19a: ¹⁰ Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹ He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹² And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³ And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring, ¹⁴ and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵ Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land, for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." ¹⁶ Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" ¹⁷ And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."¹⁸ So Jacob rose early in the

morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. ¹⁹ He called that place Bethel.

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

The Gospel: Matthew 13. 24-30 & 36-43: ²⁴ Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵ but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' ²⁸ He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹ But he replied, 'No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' " ³⁶ Then Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷ He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

Prayers

Today's Bidding and Response During Prayers:

Bidding - Lord in thy 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.

For the recently departed:

To add names to or remove names from these lists please contact Ruth Russell -

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Post Communion Prayer: Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he 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

Wednesday 22nd July – 11.15am – Midweek Said Communion Service

Readings: Song of Solomon 3. 1-4 and John 20. 1-2 & 11-18

Sunday 26th July – The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

10am Parish Eucharist with Baptism

Wednesday 29th July – 11.15am – Midweek Said Communion Service

Readings: Isaiah 25. 6-9 and John 12. 1-8

Sunday 2nd August – The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

10am Parish Eucharist

Summer Choir

Over the summer months of July and August, St Mark's Choir will be on holiday. The musical content of services will therefore consist of a congregational mass setting, hymns and organ music. Members of the choir attending services will continue to lead the singing from the stalls and, as in the past two years, we invite anyone from the congregation to join them to form an informal 'Summer Choir'. This worked very well in 2024 and 2025, and I was delighted that several occasional singers who joined the choir enjoyed the experience so much. Don't be shy: if you're in need of gentle persuasion, please speak to me or Eleanor. **Richard Sutton, Director of Music.**

Social Activities at St Mark's

The Parochial Church Council has recently established a Social Committee to plan and hold various social events throughout the year for the congregation and wider community. We have eight members of the congregation who have volunteered to sit on this committee and others who have offered to help with social events. The committee is chaired by Theresa Weller and if you would like to find out more about what the committee will be doing, please speak to her. In the meantime, the committee have decided to ask the congregation what type of events you would like us to hold, to ensure that we are not just organising things that interest us! We are doing this by sending an email survey to everyone on the Electoral Roll at St Mark's for whom we have an email address. If you are interested in taking part in the survey and either you are not currently
