

Choral Evensong

The music for choral evensong on Sunday 27 September will include the following:

Canticles: Dyson in D

Anthem: Ubi caritas – Ola Gjeilo

Additional music by Humphrey Clucas, Patrick Hadley, and Marcel Dupré

All are most welcome to attend this service of prayer and reflection.

Harvest Bring & Share Buffet Lunch

Please sign up at the back of the church if you would like to come along to our Harvest Bring and Share Lunch. It will take place after the 10am Parish Eucharist on Sunday 4th October and everyone is warmly invited to join us. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

Survey of Interest for Church Events

Over the summer, the St. Mark's Social Committee has been seeking your input on what kind of social events you would like the church to run in future. If you have not yet filled out one of the interest surveys, don't worry: now is your chance! Surveys are at the back of the church— you should have received one this morning along with your hymnal and pew paper. Please complete it and return to the labelled box at the back of the church. An indication of interest will not be taken as a full commitment! If you have any questions, please speak to Theresa Weller, Social Committee Chair; Eleanor Franzén, Social Committee Secretary; or Father Michael.

Bible Course – St Peter & St Paul, Bromley

You are all warmly invited to join the Bible course currently running at St Peter & St Paul's Church Bromley. The course started on Sunday 6th September and sessions take place weekly until Sunday 11th October, from 7.30 until 9.30pm. Further details are available on the St Mark's website under "Latest News".

In the service today:

Welcomers: Glenda & Jermaine Isaacs

Servers: Gaye Blagden & Emily Jones

Reader: Barbara Pikesley

Intercessions: Eleanor Franzen

Director of Music – Richard Sutton ATCL

Contact Details

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St Mark's Church, Bromley

13 September 2026

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

The Rev'd Michael Gentry – The Vicar

Hymns

Processional:	397	Let us, with a gladsome mind
Gradual:	379	In the Cross of Christ I glory
Offertory:	361	Forth in the peace of Christ we go
Communion:	292	Jesu, thou joy of loving hearts
Final:	373	How shall I sing that majesty

Setting: Communion Service in F - Peter Aston (1938-2013)

Anthem: Lord, thou hast told us - Arnold Bax (1883-1953)

Organ Voluntary: Three Pieces, No.1: March - Nicholas Choveaux (1904-1995)

Collect: God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 14. 19-31: ¹⁹ The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. ²⁰ It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. ²¹ Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and turned the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided. ²² The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ²³ The Egyptians pursued and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. ²⁴ At the morning watch the Lord, in the pillar of fire and cloud, looked down on the Egyptian army and threw the Egyptian army into a panic. ²⁵ He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." ²⁶ Then the Lord said to Moses,

“Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.” ²⁷ So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. ²⁸ The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. ²⁹ But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ³⁰ Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. ³¹ Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

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

The Gospel: Matthew 18. 21-35: ²¹ Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” ²² Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. ²³ “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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,
Wynne Bowen, Mark Burkitt, Carol Robins & Tim Robins

For the recently departed:

Raymond Akabi-Davis

To add names to or remove names from these lists please contact Ruth Russell -
[**hr@stmarksbromley.org.uk**](mailto:hr@stmarksbromley.org.uk)

Post Communion Prayer: Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; 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 16th September – 11.15am – Midweek Said Communion Service

Readings: Acts 13. 46-49 & Mark 16. 15 – end

Wednesday 16th September – St Mark’s Friendship Group

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

Sunday 20th September – The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

10am Parish Eucharist with guest preacher Martin Pointing from Christians Against Poverty – the proceeds of our collection at this service will be donated to the charity.

Wednesday 23rd September - 11.15am – Midweek Said Communion Service

Readings: Proverbs 30. 5-9 & Luke 9. 1-6

Sunday 27th September – The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

10am Parish Eucharist & 6.30pm Choral Evensong
