

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: Kate & Stuart Buchanan

Servers: Ryan Cupido-Weaich & Ursula Phillips

Reader: Carol Robins

Intercessions: Ursula Phillips

Director of Music – Richard Sutton ATCL

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St Mark's Church, Bromley

20 September 2026

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

The Rev'd Michael Gentry – The Vicar

Hymns

Processional:	395	Let bells peal forth the universal fame
Gradual:	337	As pants the hart for cooling streams
Offertory:	351	Come, ye faithful, raise the anthem
Communion:	288	God everlasting, wonderful and holy
Final:	362	Glorious things of thee are spoken

Setting: Communion Service in D - Martin How (1931-2022)

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

Organ Voluntary: Sonata No. 11 in D minor: Cantilene - Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)

Collect: O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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 16. 2-15: ²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." ⁴Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" ⁸And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the

complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.”⁹ Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites: ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’ ”¹⁰ And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud.¹¹ The Lord spoke to Moses and said,¹² “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’ ”¹³ In the evening quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp.¹⁴ When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground.¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

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

The Gospel: Matthew 20. 1-16: 20 Jesus said to his disciples “For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard.² After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard.³ When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace,⁴ and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went.⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same.⁶ And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’⁷ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’⁹ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage.¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage.¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner,¹² saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’¹³ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?’¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you.¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Prayers

Today’s Bidding and Response During Prayers:

Bidding – Lord, hear us

Response – Lord, graciously hear us

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,
Tim Robins and Sheila Brown and family.

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

Post Communion Prayer: Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; 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 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

Wednesday 30th September – 11.15am – Midweek Said Communion Service

Readings: Job 9. 1-12 & 14-16 and Luke 9. 57-end

Sunday 4th October – The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

10am Parish Eucharist

Welcome to our Guest Preacher

A very warm welcome to our guest preacher at this morning’s service. Martin Pointing is from the charity Christians Against Poverty, and the proceeds from our collection today will be donated to them.
