

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. 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.

All Souls Day

On Sunday 25th October at the 6.30pm Choral Evensong, names of the departed will be read. If you wish to add a name(s) to the list, then please take the opportunity to do so today or at services in church on Sunday 11th and Sunday 18th October. You will find the list at the back of the church, alternatively you can email the name(s) to Ruth Russell or one of the churchwardens.

Churchyard Gardening

We are launching a monthly session on Saturday mornings where we will be caring for our churchyard. Volunteers are always welcome. You do not need to commit to coming every month, just turn up when you are able. The session will run from 9am to 11am on the first Saturday of the month. The initiative began yesterday and the next session will take place on Saturday 7th November. If you would like more information please contact Fr Michael by telephone (07854599512) or email, or catch him for a word on Sundays.

In the service today:

Welcomers: Ted Jackson & Marian Smith

Servers: Emily Jones & Ursula Phillips

Reader: Jeanette Crawley

Intercessions: Ursula Phillips

Director of Music – Richard Sutton ATCL

Contact Details

Vicar: The Rev'd Michael Gentry vicar@stmarksbromley.org.uk;

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Choral and Family Outreach Manager: Eleanor Franzén (eleanor.m.franzen@gmail.com).

St Mark's Church, Bromley

4 October 2026

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity Harvest Thanksgiving

The Rev'd Michael Gentry – The Vicar

Hymns

Processional:	259	Come, ye thankful people, come
Gradual:	264	All things bright and beautiful
Offertory:	263	All creatures of our God and King
Communion:	260	Fair waved the golden corn
Final:	262	We plough the fields, and scatter

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

Anthem: For the beauty of the earth - John Rutter (b. 1945)

Organ Voluntary: Toccata in D minor 'Dorian', BWV 538 - J S Bach (1685-1750)

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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 20. 1-4, 7-9 & 12-20: 20 Then God spoke all these words, ² "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³ you shall have no other gods before me. ⁴ "You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth. ⁷ "You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. ⁸ "Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labour and do all your work. ¹² "Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. ¹³ "You shall not murder. ¹⁴ "You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵ "You shall not steal. ¹⁶ "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. ¹⁷ "You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or

female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.”¹⁸ When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance¹⁹ and said to Moses, “You speak to us, and we will listen, but do not let God speak to us, or we will die.”²⁰ Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid, for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.”

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

The Gospel: Matthew 21. 33-46:³³ Jesus said to the Chief Priests and the elders of the people: “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country.³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce.³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another.³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way.³⁷ Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?”⁴¹ They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’?”⁴³ “Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom.”⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them.⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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:

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

Post Communion Prayer: We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints 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

Today – Harvest Bring and Share Buffet Lunch

Our Harvest Lunch will take place after this morning’s service at 11.30am in the church hall. Everyone is most welcome to join us.

Wednesday 7th October – 11.15am – Midweek Said Communion Service

Readings: Galatians 2. 1-2 & 7-14 and Luke 11. 1-4

Wednesday 7th October – St Mark’s Friendship Group

12 – 2pm in the church hall. BYO lunch. Please come along and join us.

Please see the notice at the back of the church for more details.

Sunday 11th October – The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

10am Parish Eucharist

Wednesday 14th October – 11.15am – Midweek Said Communion Service

Readings: Galatians 5. 18-end & Luke 11. 42-46

Sunday 18th October – The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

10am Parish Eucharist including the blessing of the new thurible, boat and spoon

Guest Preacher at This Morning’s Service

A very warm welcome to our guest preacher this morning; Jen Insall, Volunteer Operations Coordinator at the Bromley Borough Foodbank.

70th Wedding Anniversary Congratulations

Sheila and Ted Webb celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on Tuesday 29th September. I’m sure that you would all like to join me in wishing them many congratulations on this very special occasion, and many more happy years together.

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”.
