

2026/27 Choral Scholars

The PCC and Richard Sutton, our Director of Music, are delighted to announce the appointment of three new choral scholars for the 2026/27 academic year. Rebecca Wells and Ana-Victoria Maquieira Lee are existing members of the St Mark's choir and Anna Krzemienska is new to St Mark's and successfully auditioned and interviewed for the scholarship on Sunday 27th September. I'm sure that you would like to join us in congratulating them all and wishing them well for their scholarship years.

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 service, 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 service in church on 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 on Saturday 3rd October 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: Kate & Stuart Buchanan; **Servers:** Gaye Blagden & Ryan Cupido-Weaich
Reader: Gaye Blagden; **Intercessions:** Eleanor Franzen; **Director of Music** – Richard Sutton
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St Mark's Church, Bromley

11 October 2026

Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

The Rev'd James Harratt
Vicar of St Peter & St Paul, Bromley

(NB The Vicar has swapped with Rev James today and is presiding and preaching at SS Peter and Paul Bromley to speak to them about plans for a future Repair Cafe in Bromley).

Hymns

Processional:	415	O For a thousand tongues to sing
Gradual:	443	Rejoice, the Lord is King
Offertory:	436	Praise, my soul, the King of heaven
Communion:	455	Strong Son of God, immortal Love
Final:	431	O Thou who camest from above

Setting: Communion Service in F - Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)

Anthem: Non nobis, Domine - Roger Quilter (1877-1953)

Organ Voluntary: Elegy in B-flat - George Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)

Collect: O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 32. 1-14: 32 When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." ² Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters and bring them to me." ³ So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears and brought them to Aaron. ⁴ He took the gold from them, formed it in a mould, and cast an image of a calf, and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" ⁵ When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it, and Aaron made a proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." ⁶ They rose early the next day and

offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being, and the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to revel. ⁷ The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸ they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' " ⁹ The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰ Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation." ¹¹ But Moses implored the Lord his God and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹² Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³ Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.' " ¹⁴ And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

The Gospel: Matthew 22. 1-14: 22 Once more Jesus spoke to the Chief Priests and Pharisees in parables, saying: ² "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹ "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen."

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:

Kofi Ofori-Amanfo

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

Post Communion Prayer: Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of 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

Today – Sunday 11th October – Social Committee

There will be a meeting of the Social Committee after this morning's service.

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

Wednesday 21st October – 11.15am – Midweek Said Communion Service

Ephesians 3. 2-12 & Luke 12. 49-53

Wednesday 21st 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 25th October – The Last Sunday after Trinity

10am Parish Eucharist and 6.30pm Choral Evensong

Thank you for your Harvest Gifts

A huge thank you to everyone who donated harvest gifts at last Sunday's Harvest Thanksgiving Service. All of your gifts, including the cash collection at the service of £189.90 have been donated to the Bromley Borough Food Bank.

