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. 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: Richard Collins & Barbara Pikesley; **Servers:** Phil Hood & Emily Jones; **Reader**: Barbara Pikesley; **Intercessions:** David Young; **Director of Music –** Richard Sutton ATCL

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St Mark's Church, Bromley

18 October 2026

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

The Rev'd Michael Gentry – The Vicar

Hymns

Processional:	418	O Happy band of pilgrims
Gradual:	434	Oft in danger, oft in woe
Offertory:	467	Through all the changing scenes of life
Communion:	315	Word of the Father, source of all things living
Final:	449	Soldiers of Christ, arise

Setting: St Anne's Mass - James MacMillan (b. 1959)
Anthem: I sat down under his shadow - Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)
Organ Voluntary: Toccata (1947) - Georgi Mushel (1909-1989)

Collect: God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; 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: Isaiah 58. 9b-12: If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, [10] if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. [11] The Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail. [12] Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

The Blessing of the new Thurible, Boat and Spoon

The minister introduces the rite

The Word of God: Revelation 8. 3-4: [3] Another angel with a golden censer came and stood at the altar; he was given a great quantity of incense to offer with the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar that is before the throne. [4] And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, rose before God from the hand of the angel.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Let my prayer rise before you as incense
And the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice

Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord
And guard the door of my lips

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

The Gospel: Matthew 22. 15-22: When the chief priests and Pharisees had heard the parables, they realised that Jesus was speaking about them. [15] Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. [16] So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. [17] Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor or not?" [18] But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? [19] Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. [20] Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" [21] They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's and to God the things that are God's." [22] When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

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, 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: God our Father, whose Son, the light unfailing, has come from heaven to deliver the world from the darkness of ignorance: let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding that we may know the way of life, and walk in it without stumbling; 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 21st October – 11.15am – Midweek Said Communion Service

Readings - 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

Wednesday 28th October – 11.15am – Midweek Said Communion Service

Readings – Isaiah 28. 14-16 and John 15. 17-end

Sunday 1st November – All Saints Day

10am Parish Eucharist

Many Thanks to the Friends of St Mark's

I'm sure that you would all like to join PCC members in saying a huge thank you to the Friends of St Mark's for funding our new Thurible, Boat and Spoon. This is a most generous and much appreciated enhancement to our worship.