

Charity Christmas Cards

Get yourselves organised for Christmas. There will be charity Christmas cards for sale in aid of the Children's Society, today after our Parish Eucharist service in the church hall. Please take a look, get your Christmas cards and make a contribution to the work of this amazing charity.

Shortlands Air Raid Wardens Memorial – Wreath Laying – Wednesday 11th November

We will be meeting at the Shortlands Air Raid Wardens Memorial in Queen Anne Avenue at 10.45am, the memorial is just within our parish, and adjacent to St Mark's School. Walking up Queen Anne Avenue from the Church the memorial is on the righthand side before the passageway. On 4th December 1940 during an enemy air raid, a direct hit was received on the Air Raid Warden Post in the grounds of St. Mark's School. Three wardens were on duty, two being killed instantly, and one suffering multiple injuries. Please join us to commemorate the sacrifice made by our air raid wardens.

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.

Churchyard Gardening

We have launched 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: Florina Robinson & Catherine Webb; **Servers:** Ryan Cupido-Weaich & Emily Jones; **Reader:** Jeanette Keefe; **Intercessions:** Cicely Gleave; **Director of Music** – Richard Sutton ATCL

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St Mark's Church, Bromley

25 October 2026

The Last Sunday after Trinity

The Rev'd Amanda Spence, Rector of St Mary the Virgin's Church in Hayes

(NB The Vicar has swapped with Rev Amanda today and is presiding and preaching at St Mary's Hayes, to speak to them about plans for a future Repair Cafe in Bromley).

Hymns

Processional:	466	Thou whose almighty word
Gradual:	406	Lord, teach us how to pray aright
Offertory:	457	The King of love my Shepherd is
Communion:	456	Teach me, my God and King
Final:	427	O Praise ye the Lord!

Setting: Festive Eucharist - Noel Rawsthorne (1929-2019)

Anthem: I give to you a new commandment - Peter Nardone (b. 1965)

Organ Voluntary: Saraband in modo elegiaco - Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Collect: Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Reading: Deuteronomy 34. 1-12: 34 Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, ²all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, ³the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. ⁴The Lord said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants.' I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." ⁵Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord's command. ⁶He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial

place to this day. ⁷ Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired, and his vigor had not abated. ⁸ The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. ⁹ Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him, and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses. ¹⁰ Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. ¹¹ He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, ¹² and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

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

The Gospel: Matthew 22. 34-46: ³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵ and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" ³⁷ He said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets." ⁴¹ Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴² "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." ⁴³ He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, ⁴⁴ 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"' ? ⁴⁵ "If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" ⁴⁶ No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Prayers

Today's Bidding and Response During Prayers:

Bidding – God of love

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 and Tim Robins.

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 of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your

heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and 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

This Evening - Sunday 25th October – The Last Sunday after Trinity

6.30pm Choral Evensong and commemoration of the departed
Please see below for more details.

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

Wednesday 4th November – 11.15am – Midweek Said Communion Service

Readings – Philippians 2. 12-18 and Luke 14. 25-33

Wednesday 4th November – 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.

Saturday 7th November – Churchyard Gardening Group

Please come along between 9 and 11am to help us to care for our churchyard.

Sunday 8th November – The Third Sunday before Advent (Remembrance Sunday)

10am Parish Eucharist including an Act of Remembrance.

This Evening's Choral Evensong

The music at tonight's choral evensong will include anthems by William Harris and Gabriel Fauré; the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis are from the service written for King's College, Cambridge by Herbert Howells. The organ voluntary is from Olivier's Messiaen's *Les Corps glorieux*: a large cycle for organ composed in 1939.

All are most welcome to attend this service of prayer and reflection. We look forward to seeing you there.
