Eucharist with St. Mark's Primary School Choir and Families – Sunday 29 November

On the morning of 29th November, we will be joined in our morning Parish Eucharist by the choir of St. Mark's Primary School and their families. The children will sing two short pieces with our own choir – "People Look East", based on a French traditional carol, and Graham Ellis's beautifully simple setting of "There Is No Rose" – as well as part of our regular congregational mass setting by David Thorne. This is a wonderful opportunity to welcome many new families to St. Mark's; please give them your warmest reception!

Christmas Leaflet to the Parish

We need help with the distribution of leaflets to the parish, advertising Christmas services and the Christmas Tree Festival. Please speak with Helen Cooper if you are able to help.

Christmas Tree Festival

We will be holding a Christmas Tree Festival on the weekends of 5th/6th and 12th/13th December. We are inviting various groups, businesses and individuals to decorate trees for the festival, and there will be prizes for the best decorated trees and refreshments will be available. The festival will raise money for Bromley Homeless and the church. Please do consider providing a decorated tree. Further details can be found on St Mark's website, including an application form. There are also application forms at the back of church as well as a sign up list to help with Refreshments.

Advent Book Group

We will be holding a book group during Advent looking at The Archbishop of York's 2026 Advent Book 'Walking with Angels' by Eleanor Sanderson (ISBN 978-0-281-09207-9). The book is widely available. There will be four sessions following the book which has a chapter for each week in Advent. The Sessions will be on Wednesdays 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd December from 7pm to 8.15pm in the Church Room. Please let Fr Michael know if you wish to come along.

In the service today:

Welcomers: Barbara Pikesley and Catherine Webb, **Servers:** Ursula Phillips and Emily Jones
Reader: Carol Robins, I**ntercessions:** David Young, **Coffee:** Glenda and Enya Issacs,
Director of Music – Richard Sutton ATCL

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Please see the porch noticeboard and notices in church for details of all regular and seasonal services or the website: www.stmarksbromley.org.uk

St Mark's Church, Bromley

22nd November 2026

Sunday next before Advent (Christ the King)

President and Preacher -The Rev'd Michael Gentry – The Vicar

We welcome Brandon Thomson and his family and friends as he is baptised this morning at our Parish Eucharist

Hymns

Processional:	345	Christ is the King, O friends rejoice!
Gradual:	394	Let all the world in every corner sing
Offertory:	446	Sing Alleluia forth ye saints on high
Communion:	499	Thy kingdom come O God
Final:	353	Dear Lord and Father of Mankind (Verse 4 is sung by a soloist)

Setting: St Anne's Mass — James MacMillan (b.1959)
Anthem: View me, Lord — Richard Lloyd (1933-2021)
Organ Voluntary: "St. Anne" Fugue in E-flat, BWV 552 — J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Collect: O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Reading: Ephesians 1.15-end: I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your
love towards all the saints, and for this reason [16]I do not cease to give thanks for you as I
remember you in my prayers. [17]I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of
glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, [18]so that,
with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has
called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, [19]and what is
the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of
his great power. [20]God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead
and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, [21]far above all rule and authority
and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but

also in the age to come. [22]And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.
Please turn to face the gospel as it is read from the central aisle.

The Gospel: Matthew 25.31-end: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. [32]All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, [33]and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. [34]Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; [35]for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, [36]I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." [37]Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? [38]And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? [39]And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" [40]And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." [41]Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; [42]for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, [43]I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." [44]Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" [45]Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." [46]And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

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 and Edward Holland (Former Vicar of St Marks)

For the recently departed:
Kofi Ofori-Amanfo, Mark Burkitt, Ijeoma Ene and Emmanuel Suru Davies

To add names to or remove names from these lists please contact Fr Michael – vicar@stmarksbromley.org.uk

Post Communion Prayer: Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Coffee, tea and biscuits will be served in the church room after this service. All are most welcome to join us.

Forward Programme

Wednesday 25th November – 11.15am – Midweek Said Communion Service
Readings – Revelation 15.1-4 and Luke 21.12-19

Wednesday 25th November – Meeting of the Parochial Church Council

Saturday 28th November – 7.45pm Allegri Singers Concert
An evening marking 50 years since Benjamin Britten's death.

Sunday 29th November – Advent Sunday
10.00am Parish Eucharist with St. Mark's Primary School Choir & Families
6.30pm Choral Evensong with Advent Carols

Wednesday 2nd December – 11.15am – Midweek Said Communion Service
Readings – Isaiah 25. 6-10a and Matthew 15.29-37

Wednesday 2nd December – Time TBC – Oculus Quintet Concert
Further details to follow

Wednesday 2nd December– St Mark's Friendship Group
12noon -2pm in the church hall - BYO lunch – please see the notice at the back of the church for details – everyone is welcome to come along and join us.

Saturday 5th December – 9am -11am Churchyard Gardening Group
See Fr Michael or Churchwarden Helen for further details

Sat 5th/Sun 6th December – Christmas Tree Festival
Church open 11am-4pm. Refreshments available

Sunday 6th December – The Second Sunday of Advent
10am Parish Eucharist

Date for your diaries in the New Year
The social committee will be organising a Quiz Night on Saturday 23rd January 2027. Further details to follow, but please save the date in your diaries, it will be lots of fun!