



The Twelfth Sunday After Trinity
23rd August 2026

*Welcome to St. Peter & St. Paul, Bromley
...especially if this is your first visit.
You are very welcome here and we are glad you have come to visit.*

We welcome children and have a play and pray area in church for children to use as they wish. For more energetic play toys can be found in our rooms through the doors at the back of church. Parents are welcome to use this space with their children. The service is relayed to the TV screen in the rooms.

All are welcome to receive the bread and wine in our church, please come forward when indicated if you wish to receive. Gluten free wafers and non-alcoholic wine are available on request. If you would prefer to receive a prayer of blessing please bring your service sheet with you at the time.

Step free access is also available via our church rooms.

Toilets can also be found in our church rooms through the doors at the back of church together with baby changing facilities. Church is fitted with a loop system for hearing aids. Please set hearing aids to the T setting.

Our Services are live streamed and can be joined from home on our Bromley Parish Church YouTube channel.

If you would like to know more about us do complete our visitor's form and leave in the box at the back of church. To receive our weekly e-newsletter from James our vicar contact the church office with your email address.

We hope you enjoy your time with us

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



10:30 Parish Eucharist

President and Preacher: Rev'd Laura Polaine

Hymns: 291 Christ is made the sure foundation
 805 There is a redeemer
 506 The churches one foundation
 593 At the name of Jesus

Readings: Exodus 1.8 – 2.10 read by Gareth Dowling
 Romans 12.1–8 read by Daniel Hutton
 Matthew 16.13–20

Intercessions: led by Mike Cox

Next Week – The Thirteenth Sunday After Trinity

08:30 Holy Communion

President: Rev'd Alison Tyler

10:30 Parish Eucharist

President: Rev'd Sophie Sutherland

Preacher: Peter Cheshire

Old Testament

Exodus 1.8 – 2.10

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, 'Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.' Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labour. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labour. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, 'When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.' But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, 'Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?' The midwives said to Pharaoh, 'Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.' So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, 'Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.' Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for

me, and I will give you your wages.’ So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, ‘because’, she said, ‘I drew him out of the water.’

New Testament

Romans 12.1–8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 16.13–20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ And they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’ And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.’ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Prayers

We pray for

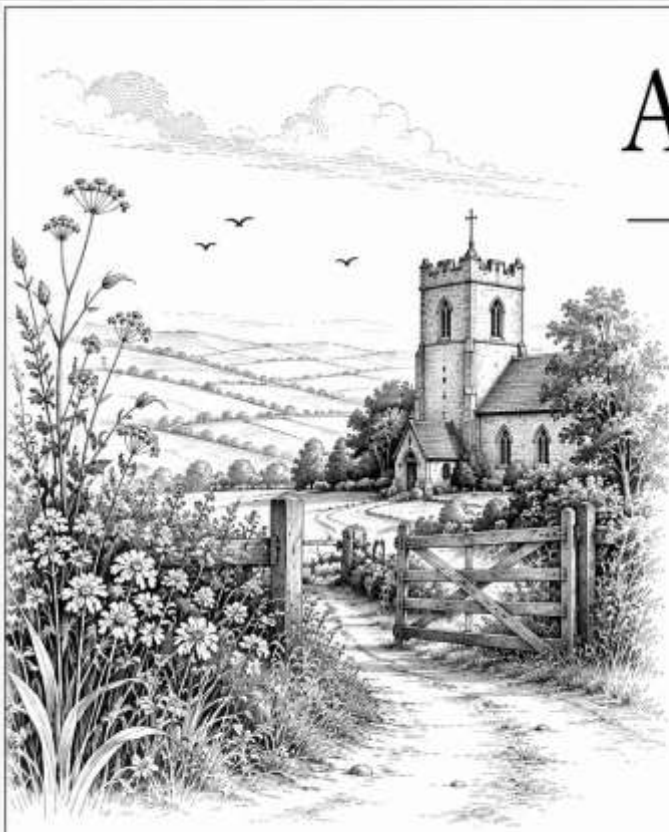
- ~ our world, that it may know the peace Christ brings.
- ~ our church and community
- ~ our link church, St Paul's in Highfield, Harare in Zimbabwe
- ~ those who live with conflict, fear and oppression
- ~ our government and those in positions of authority and leadership
- ~ peace in the middle east
- ~ the unity of Christ's church

~ those in immediate need of our prayers: Norma Classen, Orlando Boyd, Barbara Broadbent, Frank Roddy, Clive Whitmore.

~ those in continuing need of our prayers: James McGill, Becky Rose, Eve Dewdney, Margaret Billings, Sue Gilder, John Townsend, Tim Pike, Emile Riley, Alice and Dennis Potter, Charlie Steel, Geoffrey Walsh, Malcolm Horner, Peter Riley, Rafferty Woods, David Vernon, Sue Smith, Sue Bayon, Hannah Westerman, Joyce Chivral, Audrey Alder, Peter Spencer.

~ those who receive communion visits at home or in residential care, Norma Classen, Barbara Broadbent, Brian Writer, Terry Carpenter.

~ for the recently departed near and far. We give thanks for their lives and remember their family and friends at this difficult time.



A Prayer for Today

Heavenly Father,
Thank You for Your goodness and faithfulness.
Be with us today in every moment.
Give us wisdom, strength and peace,
and help us to reflect Your love
in all we say and do.
May we trust You and walk in Your ways.
Amen.

Notices

Butterflies Help brighten Frank's room at the neuro-rehabilitation centre by colouring in one of the butterflies available at the back of church. Please return completed butterflies to the office so we can include them in a cheerful picture to send to him, along with all our best wishes.



FELLOWSHIP MEETING

Thursday 27th August at 2.15pm in the Lounge

We are delighted that Marion Blakely will be joining us to present *"A Keyboard Collage"*, followed by our *Summer Party*.

Come along for an enjoyable afternoon of music, followed by tea, cake and time to chat with friends, new and old.

Everyone is very welcome!

We are looking for a few volunteers to join the coffee rota on the third Sunday of each month. If you'd be willing to help, please contact Justine in the church office: administrator@bromleyparishchurch.org

We need a small team to assist with refreshments and provide a general welcome at the Bank Holiday Organ Concert on Monday 31 August. If you can lend a hand, please speak with Tom: dom@bromleyparishchurch.org

We will celebrate Harvest with a shared lunch after the service on Sunday 27 September. Please bring along a main dish or pudding to share, as well as any produce that has survived the summer from the plants we gave out in spring.

St Mary Hayes are holding a Summer Soirée Concert on 23 August at 4.30pm. Tickets are £8 in advance via Stuart Spence at stuart.spence2@outlook.com.

Bumps and Babies, Knit and Natter, and Toddler Praise are now taking a break for the summer. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September, and we look forward to meeting old and new families, babies, parents, knitters and friends. Have a wonderful summer!

No Midweek Communion on Wednesday 26 August; however, the church will be open for private prayer.

There will be **no Bible Reading Group** on Wednesday 26 August. Our next meeting will be Wednesday 9 September at 10:30am.



BIBLE COURSE



STARTING
Sunday 6 September
at 7:30pm



6-week course to
explore the Bible,
ask questions and
deepen your faith.



Interested?
Sign up at
the back of
the church.

Our next **Lychgate Lunch** will be on Wednesday 2nd September. Come along and enjoy a home-cooked lunch and friendly company. Children are very welcome too, so feel free to bring the little ones along and do invite your friends and family to join us! A warm welcome awaits – we'd love to see you there!

The Dioceses of Rochester and Canterbury invite you to their **2026 Eco Conference at Rochester Cathedral: THINK GLOBAL, ACT LOCAL** Saturday 19 September 2026 at 9:30am – 1:00pm at Rochester Cathedral. An opportunity to explore practical ways our churches and communities can respond to climate change and care for God's creation. For more information and for **FREE TICKETS** visit: rochestercathedral.org/new-events/2026/9/19/eco-conference-2026-think-global-act-local or search: Rochester Cathedral Eco

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— Everyone is warmly welcome. —

The deanery confirmation service will be on **Sunday 11th of October at 4pm at St John's, Park Road**. Preparation courses will run in September – get in touch with James or Laura if you are interested in being confirmed.

Donations to the church may be made by scanning the QR Code.



The Week Ahead

Wednesday	12:00	Church open for private prayer
Thursday	14:15	Fellowship: A Keyboard Collage and Summer Party
Sunday	08:30 10:30	Holy Communion Parish Eucharist

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