



ST. PETER &
ST. PAUL
BROMLEY

17th September 2023
Trinity 15

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.

If you are able do stay and join us for refreshments after the service.

We have a play and pray area at the back of church with craft, books and quiet toys for children to use as they wish.

For more energetic play we have toys in our rooms at the back of church. Parents are welcome to use this space with their children as they wish.

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.

Toilets can be found in our church rooms through the doors at the back of church.

Step free access is also available via our church rooms.

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

If you would like to know more about us please complete our visitor's form and give to James our vicar or leave in the box at the back of church and we will be in touch very soon.

We hope you enjoy your time with us.

Today

- 8.30am Holy Communion (CW)**
President & Preacher: Rev'd James Harratt
- 10.30am All age Worship with Communion**
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Hymns: 327 Awake, awake: fling off the night!
639 Give thanks with a grateful heart
365 Let us build a house
484 You shall go out with joy
Communion: 711 Like a mighty river flow
Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Next Sunday Trinity 16

- 9.00am Breakfast Church** led by Donya Young
- 10.30am Parish Eucharist**
President: Rev'd James Harratt
Preacher: Mike Cox

Prayers

We pray for

- ... our church and community
- ... St Pauls Church, Highfield, Harare and Zimbabwe as they struggle with the effects of 250% inflation
- ... those who live with conflict, fear and oppression
- ...our government and those in positions of authority and leadership
- ...JusB as they face a time of change and for their work with vulnerable young people across the borough
- ...the mission of Hope into Action and its work across the borough of Bromley
- ...those who are in immediate need of our prayers, Rachel Taylor Davies (Peter & Rosemary's daughter), Shirley Collins, Peter Spencer, Richard Lane, Norma Classen, Dr Mary Matthews, Neville Morris, Laura,
- ...those in continuing need of our prayers, Charlie Steel, Malcolm Horner, Samantha Tree, Ann Gross, Jean Vineall, Peter Cheshire, Mary Setchell, Beryl Ross-Martyn, Terry Carpenter, Iris Henderson, Peter Riley, Marion Hirst, Stan, Rafferty Woods and his family, Ruth Gall, David, Vernon, David, Jean and Gill Sheffield
- ...those who receive communion visits at home or in residential care, Marion Hirst
- ...the recently departed Ralph Skelton, remembering his family and friends and all who loved and cared for him and mourn his loss.

Today's readings

Exodus 15:16-11, 20, 21

15 Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD:

¹ I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.

² The LORD is my strength and my might, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.

³ The LORD is a warrior; the LORD is his name.

⁴ 'Pharaoh's chariots and his army he cast into the sea; his picked officers were sunk in the Red Sea.

⁵ The floods covered them; they went down into the depths like a stone.

⁶ Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power— your right hand, O LORD, shattered the enemy.

⁷ In the greatness of your majesty you overthrew your adversaries; you sent out your fury, it consumed them like stubble.

⁸ At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up, the floods stood up in a heap; the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea.

⁹ The enemy said, "I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them. I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them."

¹⁰ You blew with your wind, the sea covered them; they sank like lead in the mighty waters.

¹¹ 'Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in splendour, doing wonders?

20 Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. ²¹And Miriam sang to them: 'Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.'

Romans 14:1-12

¹ Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

5 Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

7 We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

10 Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God.¹¹For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.'

¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

21 Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' ²²Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'

23 'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." ²⁹Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly

Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

Notices

Our current charity is Starter Pack

We say goodbye today to Sam Sleath, our organ scholar, as he begins a degree course studying Music at Southampton University. Sam has made a significant contribution to the musical life of the church and to church life in general. We are very grateful for all he has done and we will miss him. We wish him every success for the future and hope he will come back and visit us when he is able to. All the best Sam.

The funeral for Ralph Skelton takes place in church on Friday the 6th of October at 2pm. Further details to follow.

Thank you to everyone who supported The Big Brew last Sunday. A wonderful £300 was raised for the work of Transform Trade which will increase further with gift aid.

Transform Trade have Christmas cards ready to buy online. For those interested the link needed is www.transform-trade.org/cards

The Bereavement Group for those who have lost a significant other meets tomorrow at 12.30pm in the Shortlands Room. If you would like to come along please speak to Sophie or Donya or contact Lynn in the church office.

Bumps and Babies is tomorrow morning Monday 18 September 10.30am – 12noon. Babies under eighteen months their parents/carers and parents to be all very welcome. Please spread the word to those that may be interested.

Bring and Share Harvest Supper on the 30th September at 6 pm in the church rooms. Food followed by an optional quiz and raffle. All monies raised in aid of Foodbank. Further information from Sam or Donya.

Harvest Festival will be celebrated on Sunday the 1st of October during our 10.30am service. Details of our Harvest collection to follow soon.

On Sunday 15th October our annual service to remember babies who died during pregnancy or close to birth and for those who grieve their loss takes place in church at 4pm. Please pass on the word to help us reach all who this may help. The service will be live streamed for those who wish to join from home. Further details and how we are supporting this year's Baby Loss Awareness week 9-15 October to follow.

The Big Knit 2023 Rochester Cathedral Saturday 28 October 9am -12noon raising funds for the work of Making

Miracles, a Kent charity that supports bereaved families through baby loss. Everyone is welcome to join with others knitting 6" squares that are then stitched into blankets and sold. If you would like to take part but cannot get along to the cathedral on the morning we will be collecting squares in church to send on - each square should be one colour.

A Really Super Sale Saturday the 21 October in the Youth Centre 10am - 4pm in support of Mercy Ships, Sightsavers and The Bible Society. A huge selection of items being sold at unbelievably low prices. Refreshments also available.

Concert at Bromley & Shepherd Colleges this Saturday 23 September at 3pm in memory of Dorothy McDougall followed by refreshments. Retiring collection in support of Friends of the Earth. Everyone very welcome.

The Week Ahead

9.15am Morning Prayer in the Children's Chapel
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

Monday

10.30am Bumps & Babies
12.30pm Bereavement Group meet
5.00pm Pastoral group meeting

Tuesday

11.00am Toddler Praise
7.30pm Bell ringing practice

Wednesday

12noon Midweek service
12.30pm-2.00pm Private Prayer
8.00pm PCC meeting

Thursday

7.30pm Choir practice

Saturday

11.45am Peel of bells

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