



## Welcome to St. Peter & St. Paul, Bromley

...especially if this is your first visit.

We have a play and pray area at the back of church for children, feel free to use at any time.

Sunday School packs with crafts and colouring sheets inside are also available.

During Communion please remain in your seat for the consecrated bread to be brought to you, if you would prefer a prayer of blessing please indicate this to the minister at the time. Communion wafers are gluten free.

Services continue to be live streamed on our Bromley Parish Church YouTube channel

Please continue to wear face masks whilst in the building

### TODAY

**9.00am Family Breakfast Club** led by Mike and Sue Cox

**10.30am Parish Eucharist** followed by coffee

President & Preacher: Revd James Harratt

Setting: Shortlands

Hymns: 38 Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding

41 Lo, he comes with clouds descending

Anthem: Rejoice in the Lord always (anon)

Readings:

Jeremiah 33:14-16 read by Simon Kay

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 read by Martin Cleveland

Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

Intercessions led by Keith Barron

Music:

Before: Es ist ein ros' entsprungen (Behold a rose is blooming) - Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

After: Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme (Wake, O wake, for night is flying) - J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

**6.30pm Advent Carol Service** led by Rev'd James Harratt

Please see service sheet for details.

Music:

Before: Es ist ein ros' entsprungen (Behold a rose is blooming) - Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

After: Toccata 'Von Himmel hoch' - Garth Edmundson (1900-1971) on the tune 'From heaven above to earth I come' by Martin Luther (1483-1546)

### NEXT SUNDAY

#### Second Sunday of Advent

**10.30am Parish Eucharist**

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### PRAYERS

We pray for

... our church and community

... St Pauls Church, Highfield, Harare and Zimbabwe as they continue to struggle with the effects of the pandemic.

... those who live with conflict, fear and oppression.

... our government and those in positions of authority and leadership.

... the mission of Hope into Action and our project in Holmesdale Road.

... those who are in immediate need of our prayers, Charlie Steel, Peter Spencer, Malcolm Horner, Siobhan Bell, Mark Turner, Samuel McGill, James, Becci and Callum, Simon Evans, Ben Miller, Enid Knight, Jean Vineall, Neville Morris, Sam Wilkinson, Samantha Tree, Laura, Kim, Mary Setchell.

... those in continuing need of our prayers John Ross-Martyn, Beryl Ross-Martyn, Terry Carpenter, Iris Henderson, Peter Riley, Marion Hirst, Anne, Stan, Jack Mountford, Rafferty Woods his parents and grandparents, Ruth and Joe Gall, David, Vernon, David, Jean and Gill Sheffield.

... those who receive communion visits at home or in residential care, Rhoda Mackenzie, Anne, Marion Hirst.

... the recently departed, Sue Jones, Anne Townsend, remembering their families and friends and all who loved and cared for them and mourn their loss.

### THE WEEK AHEAD

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday**

8.00am Morning Prayer in the Children's Chapel

#### Tuesday

10.30am Hope Into Action meeting with Ed Walker - church

11.00am Toddler Praise

7.30pm Bell ringing practice

#### Wednesday

12noon - 2pm church open for private prayer

7.00pm Hope Into Action prayer meeting via Zoom

#### Thursday

7.30pm Choir practice

### NOTICES

#### Our current charity is Starter Pack

The children's chapel is now open Monday to Thursday alongside the church for private prayer on Wednesdays between 12noon and 2pm. Morning Prayer is said at 8am and we are very welcome to join James.

**Advent** At the back of church there are bags filled with things for our journey through Advent as we prepare for Christmas. There is one for each of us, please do take yours as you leave church today and sign the collection list so that we know who has collected and that way ensure that no one goes without. If you can take an extra bag or two and deliver to church friends who live close by or give to neighbours that would be great. Please remember to add their name to the collection list too.

**Catch up with one another over coffee today available after the 10.30am service.**

**A service of thanksgiving for the life of Anne Townsend** will take place in church on **Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> of December at 2pm**, this follows a private cremation for family earlier in the morning.

**Coffee morning in support of Aphasia Reconnect** postponed from this Sunday will take place next Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> of December following the 10.30am service.

**Our Christmas Tree Festival, taking place from the 9<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup> of December, is drawing close** if you would like to join in the fun and decorate a tree do let us know by contacting the church office or simply come along and enjoy seeing the church full of trees and lit up for Christmas. **Stewards will be needed during the festival**, if you can spare an hour or two to help please sign up on the list at the back of church.

**This Tuesday the 30<sup>th</sup> of November 10.30am we will be hosting a meeting with Ed Walker, CEO of HIA UK, and the**

**local Bromley team** to hear how local churches and anyone with a heart to help the homeless in our borough can get involved with this mission of HIA and make the vision for each church here in Bromley being able to provide a home for the homeless in our borough a reality. **If you are interested in finding out more it is not too late to book a place for the 30<sup>th</sup> of November at <https://tbb-hia.eventbrite.co.uk> or**

**Walk Harare - miles for November are now due at the office** to be added to the tally, every mile walked or cycled counts so please do send them in. At the end of October there was just under 1600 miles left to travel before we reach St. Paul's Highfield, our final destination. If you would like to donate to our challenge donations can be made at [tiny.cc/walkharare](http://tiny.cc/walkharare) or via the donation box in church. All monies raised will be given to St. Paul's who are struggling with the effects of the pandemic.

**Looking for a MAD (Makes A Difference) Christmas present idea?** Footsteps International has this idea for you. You buy a Christmas card, between £5 and £100, from Footsteps that says that you have donated to them on their behalf. For example, £5 buys a school lunch for a month, £20 buys a school uniform, £100 buys one term of university education. This charity is supported by our church. It takes street children off the streets, cares for them and educates them to become good citizens. Many graduate from higher education. See [www.footstepsinternational.org/](http://www.footstepsinternational.org/) or talk to Ed Tree.

**Ecclesiastical Insurance launched their 12 Days of Giving scheme this week.** Each day during the 6<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> of December ten charities are drawn from a pot to each receive £1000. To nominate your chosen charity go to [movementforgood.com/12days](http://movementforgood.com/12days). Do consider nominating Bromley Relief in Need (BRIN) and the Bromley Homeless Night Shelter, both in need of funds.

**In addition to foodbanks list of needs below tinned carrots are in urgent need.**

**Foodbank's latest needs:**

- Long Life Fruit Juice
- Tinned Cold Meat (corned beef, spam, chicken)
- Sugar Free Sweets
- Size 5 & 5+ Nappies

**Foodbank are also looking for:**

- Christmas Sweets, especially for Children
- Mince Pies and Yule Logs dated after the 26<sup>th</sup> of December

Due to the popularity of the recent showing of **The Most Reluctant Convert**, a new film about the young life of C.S. Lewis and his journey to become the most beloved Christian writer of

the twenty first century, Bromley Picturehouse are bringing back the film for eight more performances showing from Friday 26 November until Thursday 2 December. To find out more follow the link here: [www.cslewismovie.com](http://www.cslewismovie.com)

May the God of HOPE fill you WITH all JOY & PEACE		
Sunday 28th November	6:30pm	Advent Carols
Thursday 9th -Friday 10th December and Saturday 11th December	4:00pm-7:00pm 10:00am-7:00pm	Christmas Tree Festival <i>With a free festive film on Saturday afternoon</i>
Sunday 12th December	4:00pm	Christingle
Saturday 18th December	6:00pm	Carol Service
Sunday 19th December	4:00pm	Blue Christmas <i>A service for those who find this time of year hard</i>
Friday 24th December	4:00pm 11:30pm	Crib Service Midnight Mass
Saturday 25th December	9:30am	Christmas Day Eucharist
Sunday 26th December	10:30am	Parish Eucharist

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**Today's readings**

**First reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16**

<sup>14</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

**Second reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

<sup>9</sup>How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? <sup>10</sup>Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

<sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. <sup>12</sup>And may the Lord make you increase and

abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. <sup>13</sup>And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

**Gospel: Luke 21:25-36**

<sup>25</sup> 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. <sup>26</sup>People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

<sup>29</sup> Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup>as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup> 'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup>like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

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