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Hello and welcome to the May edition of the Key!

There are many celebrations happening this month around the King's Coronation and the Church have many events happening—on Coronation day itself as well as musical performances throughout the month. I hope you will be able to join and enjoy them!

Our Church is also doing a lot of outreach, you may know about our connections with Foodbank, Bromley Homeless, Starter Packs, BRiN and there is also a school meals project. There is an article introducing the latter in this edition. A lot of people are working very hard to keep these projects going and if there is any way you can support them please do, it's always a pleasure to read the articles sent to me for the Key about the amazing initiatives people in our congregation are working on.

I hope you have a great month and enjoy these celebrations where we can all get together as a Church!

With love and best wishes

Lisa

**St Peter and St Paul  
Bromley  
Bank Holiday Recital**

**Ophelia Amar**  
(London)

**Organ Recital**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 11.30am**

**Free Admission Retiring Collection**

*Refreshments served from 10.30am*



# **Bromley Parish Church Bank Holiday Recital**

## **Daniel Moulton** (Birmingham)

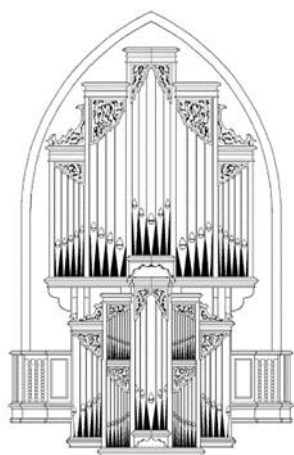
### **Organ Recital**

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2023  
at 11.30am**

**Free Admission Retiring Collection**



***Refreshments served  
from 10.30am***



### **Bank Holiday Organ Recitals**

**Monday 1st and 29<sup>th</sup> May 11.30am**

**Ophelia Amara and Daniel Moulton**

There are two organ recitals taking place in May. The first is on Monday 1st and is being given by Ophelia Amar and the second is on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> when the organist is Daniel Moulton.

Ophelia Amar is a French-British musician born in France. She is an active performer both in France and in London, having recently participated as a solo-performer in the “Bach the European” series with Rachel Podger, and as a recitalist for the concert series curated by the Eric Thompson Trust at Saint-Mary-le-Bow church. She also currently plays for services at Notre-Dame-de-France church in Leicester Square and Christ Church in Spitalfields. Ophelia started the organ in 2016 with Éric Lebrun and obtained her diploma at the Conservatoire à Rayonnement Régional de Saint-Maur-des-Fossés near Paris after a complete piano course with Christine Fonlupt at the same conservatoire. Before moving to the UK, she was a church organist in Créteil and at the Frederikskirken – the Danish Church in Paris. She is currently studying organ performance with David Titterton and choral conducting with Patrick Russill at the Royal Academy of Music in London, with support from the ABRSM and the Nicholas Danby Trust.

Daniel Moulton heads the highly acclaimed organ department at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire. As a soloist, he has performed in the UK, Europe, Asia and Australia. Quotes from reviews of his playing include “one of the finest organists of our time” (The Organ). Renowned for his virtuosic, intelligent and engaging performances, his musicianship has been praised as “exhilarating” (Gramophone), “dazzling” (The Organ), and “formidable” (Organists’ Review). This will be Daniel’s seventh visit to play here at St Peter and St Paul and I can guarantee that the recital will be well worth coming to.

Admission to both recitals is free with a retiring collection. They start at 11.30am with refreshments served from 10.30am. Hope to see you there!

# **Saturday Morning Concerts presents**

**Song recital by  
Darquise Bilodeau  
(Soprano)**

**Marc Verter (Piano)**

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 11.30am**

**Refreshments served from 10.30am**

**Admission Free**

**Retiring Collection**

**Saturday Morning Concert**

The Saturday morning concert this month on 13<sup>th</sup> May at 11.30am is being given by the Canadian born soprano Darquise Bilodeau.

Darquise combines professional performing experience with research and voice pedagogy. She is a graduate of McGill University, with a B.Mus. in voice performance and school music, and of the Université de Montréal with a Master's Degree in voice performance. Darquise values ongoing professional development and regularly attends conferences and workshops on voice pedagogy, anatomy and interpretation. She was a chorus member of the Opéra de Montréal and performs regularly as a recitalist and soloist in oratorio.

Darquise earned a doctorate with her thesis on the songs of French composer Gabriel Fauré at the Birmingham Royal Conservatoire. She has a keen interest in French song and its poetry and continues her research on the subject. She writes articles and book reviews for the Association of Teachers of Singing.

Darquise's accompanist is pianist and concert producer Marc Verter.

Refreshments will be served from 10.30am.

Admission is free with a retiring collection.

**1st May: James the Less, quiet son of Alphaeus**

One thing for sure: the apostles were not self-obsessed. In fact, many a church historian has wished that they had left us just a few more personal details about themselves in the New Testament. James the Less is an excellent example.

This is the name we give to James the son of Alphaeus, but beyond that, who was he? Sometimes he is identified as the James whose mother stood by Christ on the cross. Sometimes he is thought to be the James who was 'brother of the Lord'. Sometimes he is thought to be the James who saw the risen Christ. He has also, and often, been called the first bishop of Jerusalem. And finally, sometimes James the Less has been thought of as the author of the Epistle of James.

But who really knows? If none of these identifications are correct, we know practically nothing about James the Less. So perhaps on this day we can simply recall 'all' of the James' above, and thank God for the mother who stood by the cross, the brother that supported Jesus, the apostle who saw his risen Lord and gave his life to proclaiming the truth, the first bishop of Jerusalem, and the author of the marvellous Epistle of James. Whether it was one James or several, they were all faithful to Jesus, and proclaimed Him as the Messiah. So perhaps that should make them James the More!

James the Less has been given an unusual iconographic emblem: a fuller's club. Tradition has it that he was beaten to death with one, after being sentenced by the Sanhedrin in AD62. In England there are only 26 churches which are dedicated to James the Less.





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# **WANTED**

**OUR MOST NEEDED ITEMS ARE:**

- Desserts
- Tinned Cold Meat
- Squash/Cordial
- Fruit Juice UHT
- Canned Tomatoes
- Cooking Sauces
- Washing Up Liquid

PLEASE DON'T GIVE US FROZEN OR CHILLED ITEMS AS WE  
DON'T HAVE THE CORRECT STORAGE FOR THEM, AND IT SPOILS  
BEFORE WE CAN DISTRIBUTE THEM.

WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF: PASTA, CEREAL & BISCUITS

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**IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF FOOD SUPPORT  
PLEASE CONTACT US ON 0800 9 20 23 24**

*Thank you to Helen for this introduction to the Bromley Meals Project which is doing incredible work for school-aged children.*

Did you know that 1 in 4 children in Bromley live in poverty?

To be hungry as a child means your tummy hurts, which means you can't focus on your lessons at school, or your body isn't healthy enough to fight off illness, or you shiver a lot because you are cold, or you feel embarrassed when your friends snack or talk about dinner. And whatever the reason your family is struggling, when you are 6, there is not much you can do about it. That's why the help has to be ready, and in place for the precise moment that someone finds out that you need help.

Bromley Meals is a project run from Ss. Peter & Paul which aims help by providing meals boxes for distribution in schools, children's centres and community hubs. As soon as a teacher or other professional realises that a child will not eat dinner that night, they can invite a family to choose from a selection of delicious dinner options. And if they need dinner again tomorrow night, they can...because no child should have to go to bed hungry.

Even though we might think of Bromley as an affluent place, it is a sad reality that many families in our community live in poverty. Did you know that 27% of children were living in poverty in Bromley and Chislehurst in 2019-20? That is 5,577 children. And that's just one part of our borough. This is a situation which continues to be worsened by the cost-of-living crisis. We seek to address this by providing boxes containing simple, nutritious meals for children and their families.

Through donations we buy basic, tinned ingredients to assemble 5 different meals boxes – 'Cool Kids Curry', 'Tastetastic Tacos', 'Brilliant Bolognese' and 'Terrific Tuna Pasta', plus one which only requires a kettle to make food. Everything needed for dinner is in the box, including a recipe card with straightforward instructions and games and puzzles for kids to play. To make sure that the meals are available to any child, we have made sure that there are options for children who are vegetarian, or gluten free.

These boxes are delivered to local schools, where they are given out to children or families in need. This helps to ensure that children who may not have access to regular meals at home are still able to receive the nutrition they

need to grow and thrive. Currently we are working with 4 schools locally - since November we have sent 263 boxes – providing 1052 meals to those who would go without otherwise.

A very sincere thank you to everyone who has supported us so far. We continue to need support as we look to expand to other schools, children's centres and community hubs locally to ensure more children do not go to bed hungry in our community. Donations of money for items are welcome via our website ([mealsnetwork.org/bromley](https://mealsnetwork.org/bromley)) , if you are able to help occasionally pack and deliver boxes, we would be delighted to hear from you. Also, if you happen to have a co-op membership, Bromley meals is one of the causes you can support with your purchases until October.

*Please use this space to pass messages on to the Church community – whether it is a prayer request, a thank you, a craft idea, a recipe...*

### **HELP SAVE JUSB**

Sadly JusB is now in danger of closing

For JusB, like many voluntary groups, obtaining financial support over the last few years has been difficult due to the huge demand on funders, exacerbated by the issues post pandemic and the cost of living crisis. We are now currently in the position where we have just over three months funding left to enable us to deliver our activities and if we do not secure £75,000 by the end of June then sadly we will have to say goodbye to our amazing young people and close.

If you are aware of any businesses who can support us then we would be extremely grateful to have their details. Our work is vital to the young people of Bromley so please do not let 20 years of experience go to waste. With your continued support, it will gain us vital time to help us secure those bigger grants to sustain the future work we do.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Ned McWhirter, Project Manager,  
[ned@jusb.co.uk](mailto:ned@jusb.co.uk) or 0208 464 2722 [www.jusb.co.uk](http://www.jusb.co.uk)





## **CELEBRATE THE CORONATION WITH US**

**11AM - WATCH THE MAIN EVENT ON  
THE BIG SCREEN IN CHURCH**

**1PM-3PM FAMILY FUN AFTERNOON -  
FOOD, GAMES, & A BOUNCY CASTLE IN  
THE CHURCHYARD**

**DONATIONS TO SUPPORT LOCAL CHARTIES**



## The Alban Pilgrimage



**Preacher: The Rt Revd Rose Hudson-Wilkin, the Bishop of Dover**

*"In so many ways, Alban's story is our story - many in our world today are fleeing persecution and seeking refuge, just as he did more than 1,500 years ago. I look forward to joining the Alban pilgrimage in June, as we travel together joyfully sharing in his story."*

Photo credit: Diocese of Canterbury

**Celebrating one of the greatest stories in the Christian faith in a truly spectacular way.**

### Saturday 24 June

Join us for the Alban Pilgrimage - a magnificent procession organised by St Albans Cathedral, to celebrate St Alban, Britain's first saint.

Each year, 12ft tall carnival puppets, representing figures from the story of St Alban, take to the streets to reenact the historic events which lead to St Alban's execution at the hands of the Romans. The puppets are accompanied by people of all ages dressed as lions, Roman soldiers, angels, chariots and more, resulting in a stunning spectacle of colour and celebration.

Continue the Pilgrimage Day celebrations with an afternoon of Tudor-themed fun on the Abbey Orchard. Meet King Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn and try your hand at playing Tudor games with re-enactment group Tudor Legacies. Join our Summer Artist in Residence to make your own secret coded messages on scrolls, as well as other activities fit for the whole family.

**11am** | Procession starting at St Peter's Church, along St Peter's St, Chequer St, High St, George St, Romeland and finishing at the West End of the Cathedral.

**12noon** | Medieval Festival on the Orchard

**12noon** | All are invited to join our Pilgrimage Eucharist. Preacher: The Rt Revd Rose Hudson-Wilkin, the Bishop of Dover.

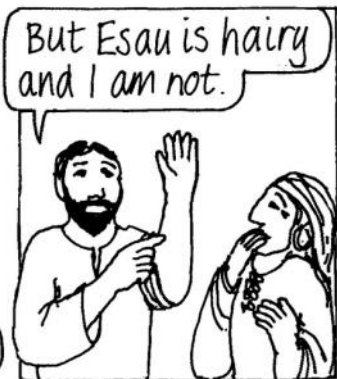
**5pm** | Pilgrimage Evensong. This service ends with a procession to the shrine of St Alban, where red roses are placed on the shrine in an act of celebration.

# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
Genesis ch.25:19-33, 27:1-42

Isaac and Rebekah had twin sons - Esau ('Hairy') and Jacob ('Grasper'). When the boys were born, God said...



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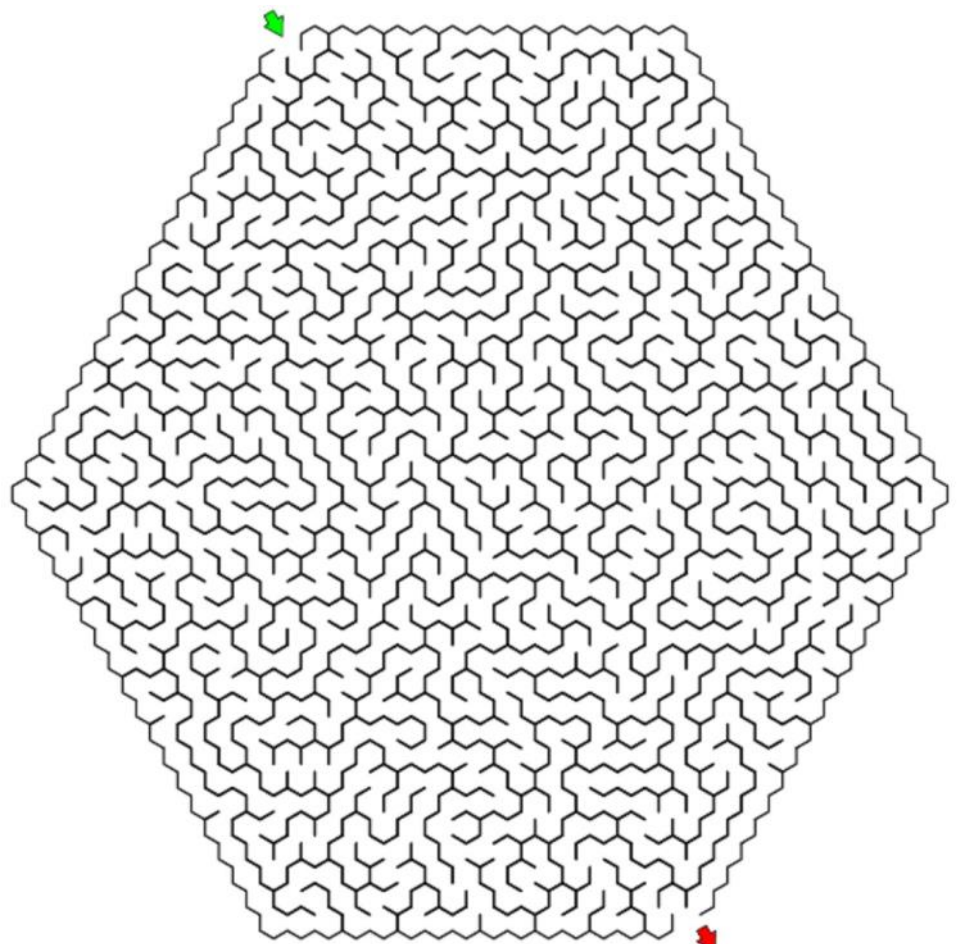
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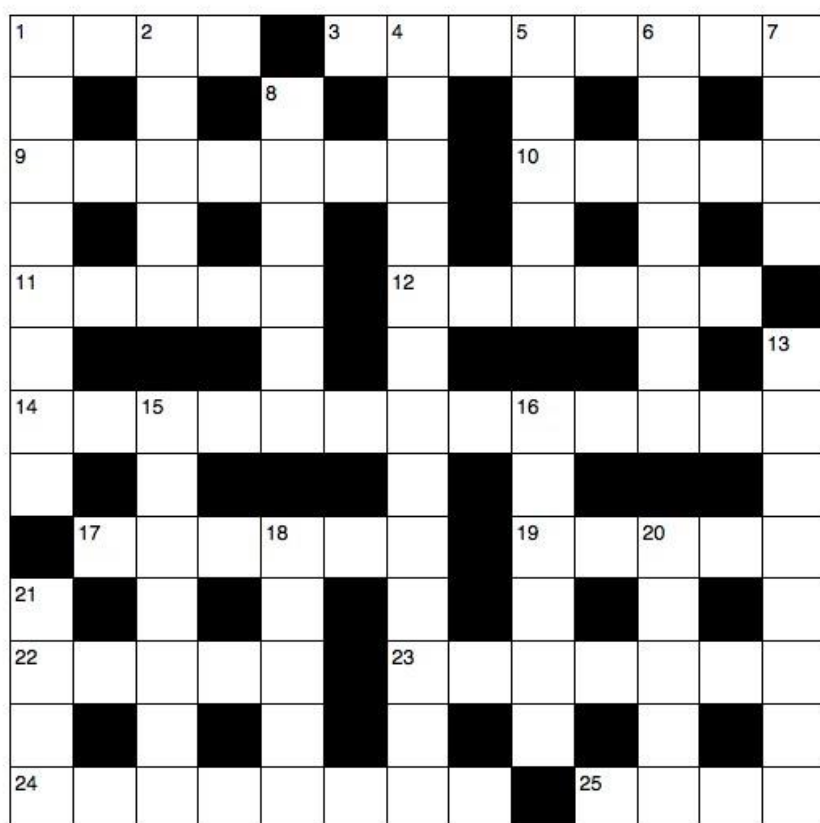
Sudoku:

Insert numbers 1-9 in every row, column and 3x3 box.

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**Answers:**

**ACROSS:** 1, Stop. 3, Call upon. 9, Regular. 10, Octet. 11, Inner. 12, Hudson. 14, Holy Communion. 17, Myself. 19, See to. 22, About. 23, Iterate. 24, Monarchy. 25, Stet.  
**DOWN:** 1, Straight. 2, Organ. 4, Abraham's faith. 5, Lloyd. 6, Puteoli. 7, Note. 8, Cleric. 13, Innocent. 15, Lay down. 16, Ussher. 18, Enter. 20, Enact. 21, Balm.

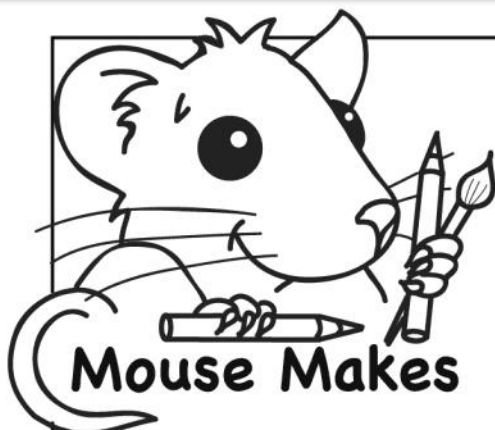
**Across**

- 1 'Therefore let us — passing judgment on one another' (Romans 14:13) (4)  
3 'I — — these persons here present' (Marriage service) (4,4)  
9 According to a prearranged timetable (Numbers 28:3) (7)  
10 Group of eight (5)  
11 The cell into which the Philippian jailer put Paul and Silas (Acts 16:24) (5)  
12 — Taylor, pioneer missionary to China (6)  
14 Otherwise known as the Eucharist, Breaking of Bread, the Lord's Table (4,9)  
17 'So that after I have preached to others, I — will not be disqualified for the prize' (1 Corinthians 9:27) (6)  
19 Attend to (3,2)  
22 Approximately (Acts 4:4) (5)  
23 Tea rite (anag.) (7)  
24 Rule of sovereign (8)  
25 Test (anag.) (4)

**Down**

- 1 The name of the street where Judas lived in Damascus and where Saul of Tar-

- sus stayed (Acts 9:11) (8)  
2 'The playing of the merry — , sweet singing in the choir' (5)  
4 'We have been saying that — — was credited to him as righteous' (Romans 4:9) (8,5)  
5 Dr Martyn — Jones, famous for his ministry at Westminster Chapel (5)  
6 Port at which Paul landed on his way to Rome (Acts 28:13) (7)  
7 Observe (Ruth 3:4) (4)  
8 Minister of religion (6)  
13 'I am — of this man's blood. It is your responsibility' (Matthew 27:24) (8)  
15 'Greater love has no one than this, that he — — his life for his friends' (John 15:13) (3,4)  
16 Archbishop who calculated that the world began in 4004BC (6)  
18 'No one can — the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit' (John 3:5) (5)  
20 Establish by law (5)  
21 Product of Gilead noted for its healing properties (Jeremiah 46:11) (4)



Forty days after His resurrection Jesus appeared to the Apostles one last time. He told them that the Holy Spirit would come, then He blessed them and **ascended** into heaven.

What did Jesus say that the Holy Spirit would give the Apostles?



**READ**  
Acts 1 4-17

Find the answers in the word search

What did Jesus from the Apostles?

a \_\_\_\_\_  
Acts 1:9

Where was Jesus taken up to? \_\_\_\_\_  
Luke 24:51

Where did the Apostles return to?

\_\_\_\_\_   
Acts 1:12

\_\_\_\_\_   
to be Jesus' witnesses.  
Acts 1:8

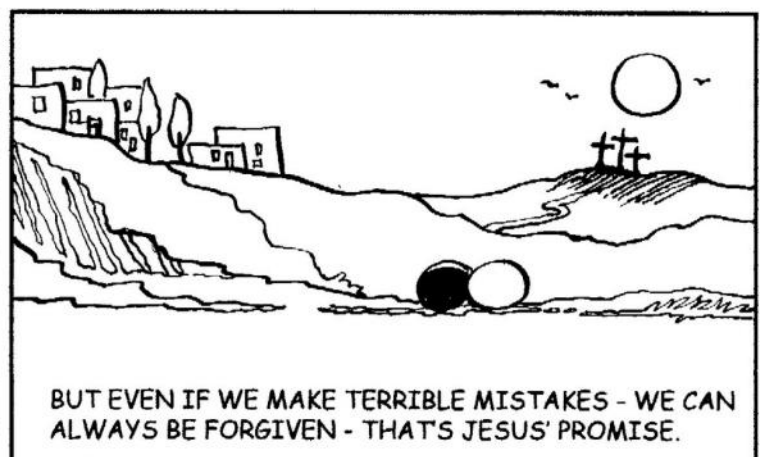
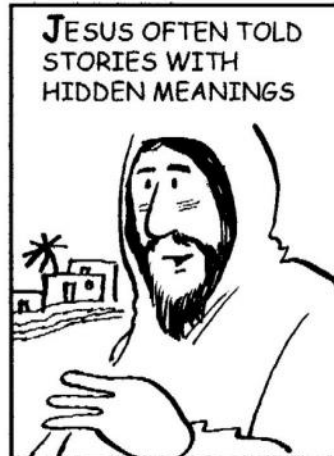
Who appeared to the Apostles?  
Two \_\_\_\_\_ and  
what were they dressed in? \_\_\_\_\_  
Acts 1:10

Where is Jesus seated?  
At the \_\_\_\_\_   
\_\_\_\_\_ of God.  
Mark 16:19

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## Coronation Prayer 2023

Almighty God,

On the occasion of the crowning of King Charles III, we, the people, pray for him.

We thank you for him and for the calling on his life and we recognise the weight of responsibility that puts upon him. We know that he will need your help, Lord. We know that he will face many challenges, as did his mother, Queen Elizabeth.

We ask, that, as he is anointed with oil, you will anoint him with your Holy Spirit, so that he will know in his heart, as his mother knew, that Jesus is alive and able to help him fulfil his unique vocation.

We pray that in all the days he serves as King, he will be aware that first and foremost he serves you, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. May his reign be one of wisdom, vision and integrity, inspired by your Kingdom values.

May your name be honoured and glorified throughout this land, Lord, as we pray, ***God save the King!***

*By Daphne Kitching*

**Pentecost Prayer**

*How much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him...*

(Luke 11:13b)

Heavenly Father,

In these troubled times we need your help, just like those first disciples did when Jesus came back to you after his resurrection. They must have wanted him to stay with them. They must have felt puzzled and bereft – and wondered how to go on.

But you, Lord, knew a better way. You sent them a helper, the Holy Spirit to fill them with your life. We thank you so much that the same Spirit will be our helper too, if we are willing to ask you for him. We will be able to face each day, each challenge, with your Spirit living in us to guide and empower us, to enable us to carry on even when we don't understand.

*So, we pray, come Holy Spirit, fill us, encourage us to carry on sharing your love and life and truth, in the name of Jesus.*

Amen.

*By Daphne Kitching*

**Blind Bartimaeus**

Blind Bartimaeus begged by the roadside  
As Jesus of Nazareth passed on His way,  
'Son of David, have mercy' he cried  
For he knew this was a special day.

'Be quiet!' - the crowd tried to shout him down  
But louder and louder came his cries,  
'What do you want?' the Master asked  
'Rabbi' he said 'open my eyes'.

'What do we want?' the Master would ask,  
For already He knows our fears and our cares,  
If like Bartimaeus we call out in faith  
We too will see Him answering prayers.

*By Megan Carter*

**Monday 1**

11.30am Bank Holiday Organ Recital ~  
Refreshments from 10.30am

**Tuesday 2**

11.00am Toddler Praise  
7.30pm Bell ringing practice

**Wednesday 3**

12noon Midweek service  
12.30-2.00pm church open private prayer  
12.30pm Lychgate Lunch

**Thursday 4**

7.30pm Choir practice

**Friday 5**

7.00pm Quarter peal

**Saturday 6**

11.00am Screening of the Coronation in church  
1.00-3.00pm Family fun and festivities in the churchyard

**Sunday 7****Easter 5**

8.30am Holy Communion (CW)  
10.30am Parish Eucharist

**Bank Holiday Monday 8**

Bromley Homeless event in the churchyard

**Tuesday 9**

11.00am Toddler Praise  
7.30pm Bell ringing practice

**Wednesday 10**

12noon Midweek service  
12.30pm -2.00pm Church open for private prayer  
12.30pm Church Administrators' event

**Thursday 11**

2.15pm Fellowship  
7.00pm Choir practice

**Saturday 13**

11.30am Saturday Morning recital ~  
Refreshments from 11.00am

**Sunday 14****Easter 6**

9.00am Breakfast Church  
10.30am Parish Eucharist followed by APCM  
6.30pm Choral Evensong

**Monday 15**

7.30pm Children & Youth Committee meeting

**Tuesday 16**

11.00am Toddler Praise  
7.30pm Bell ringing practice

**Wednesday 17**

12noon Midweek Service  
12.30 -2.00pm Church open for private prayer  
8.00pm PCC meeting

**Thursday 18****Ascension Day**

7.00pm Choir practice  
8.00pm Ascension Day Service

**Saturday 20**

10.00am Welcare in Bromley walk – meet Hayes station

**Sunday 21****Sunday after Ascension**

8.30am Holy Communion (CW)  
10.30am All age Worship with Communion

**Tuesday 23**

11.00am Toddler Praise  
7.30pm Bell ringing practice

**Wednesday 24**

12noon Midweek service  
12.30-2.00pm Church open for private prayer

**Thursday 25**

2.15pm Fellowship  
7.30pm Choir practice

**Sunday 28****Pentecost**

9.00am Breakfast Church  
10.30am Parish Eucharist followed by Churches  
Together picnic

**Bank Holiday Monday 29**

11.30am Bank Holiday Organ Recital ~  
Refreshments from 11.00am

**Tuesday 30**

No Toddler Praise  
7.30pm Bell ringing practice

**Wednesday 31**

12noon Midweek service  
12.30pm -2.00pm Church open for private prayer

**Morning Prayer** is said daily at 8.00am in the Children's Chapel, everyone is welcome.

**The Children's Chapel** is open daily for prayer and **Church** is open for private prayer on **Wednesdays** between 12.30pm and 2pm, consecrated bread is available for those who wish to receive

To join Sunday worship online please visit our website [www.bromleyparishchurch.org](http://www.bromleyparishchurch.org) and follow the link on our homepage.

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