#### Dates ahead.

**18**<sup>th</sup> **Sept** 7.30 for 8pm 'Bible for Everyone' at St John's. We will start a short course on 'The Great Prayers of the Bible'. Prayer is often hard, come along and learn new ways of listening and talking to God.\*

**21<sup>st</sup> Sept**. St John's pilgrimage to Salisbury Cathedral, all welcome, sign-up details in the cross aisle.

**26**<sup>th</sup> **Sept** 10.00 am Standing Committee meeting at 43 Wansunt Road

**6<sup>th</sup> Oct** 10.00 am Harvest Thanksgiving service including the licensing of Christine Wood as LLM in the Bexley Team Ministry by Archdeacon Paul Wright followed by refreshments in hall and harvest bread and cheese lunch at midday.

Please sign up if you are coming for the lunch, sign up sheet in cross aisle.

**15-17**<sup>th</sup> **Oct** Christian Resources Exhibition at Sandown Park Racecourse, Esher, Surrey.

**16<sup>th</sup> Oct** 7.45 pm PCC meet in hall committee room **30<sup>th</sup> Oct** 7.00 for 7.30 pm BTM joint clergy and wardens meeting

**7<sup>th</sup> Nov** 10.00 am Standing Committee meeting at 43 Wansunt Road

\*Why not try a new thing? Come along to either (or both) these meetings and enjoy fellowship and learn more about our faith.



# Welcome to the Parish Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Bexley

St. Mary's worships and serves a loving God and reaches out to the community in the name of Jesus Christ www.stmarysbexley.co.uk

### SUNDAY 8<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.30 am Holy Communion – BCP

Readings: Deuteronomy 30: 15-end, Luke 14: 25-33,

10.00 am Holy Communion-CW

Readings: Deuteronomy 30: 15-end, Philemon 1-21, Luke 14: 25-33,

**12.30 pm** Baptism of Neve Autumn Jean Strutt **3.00 pm** Messy Church in church hall

All services followed by refreshments.

Deuteronomy 30 v.20 Love the Lord your God, obey him and be faithful to him.

#### **COLLECT**

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray

and to give more than either we desire or deserve:

pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy.

forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid

and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask

but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

#### St. Mary the Virgin, Bexley

Rest days: Mon. and Sat.

High Street, Bexley, DA5 3LX Team Vicar: Reverend Clive Wood revclivewood@gmail.com 01322 270942 07982 392 809 one God, now and for ever.

#### The week ahead

Tues. 10<sup>th</sup>

3.00 pm Sacristans meeting in church

Wed 11<sup>th</sup>

10.00 am Holy Communion

Readings: Colossians 3: 1-11, Luke 6: 20-26 12.30-2.00 pm Deanery Chapter Meeting at St Andrew's, Sidcup.

3.00 pm House group re-starts at 6, Clarendon Mews contact Rev'd Gladys Atfield (551741) \*

Thurs. 12th

10.00 am Extension Committee meeting with Feasibility Study Architect

Fri 13th

10.00 am Friends of St Mary's committee meeting at 43, Wansunt Road 6.45 pm Choir practice

Sat 14th

10.00 am – 12.00 noon Church open to visitors. 3.00pm Wedding Blessing in church

Anniversary of Baptism - William Railton - 09/09/2017

Wedding Anniversary – Ernest and Rebecca Manning.

Anniversary of death - Ethel Dandridge

## NEXT SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.30am Holy Communion – BCP

Readings: Exodus 32: 7-14, Luke 15:1-10

10.00am Sung Communion – CW

Readings: Exodus 32: 7-14, 1 Timothy 1: 12-17,

Luke 15: 1-10

12.15pm BTM lunch at The King's Head

### **Harvest Thanksgiving Service 6<sup>th</sup> October**

Donations of flowers, greenery, fruit and vegetables will be most welcome and should be brought to the church by 10.00 am on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October.

At our Harvest Thanksgiving service we will be collecting goods and monetary donations for Bexley Women's Aid, a registered charity supporting women and children experiencing domestic abuse. Items needed -

Non-perishable food items: tinned meat/fish, pasta, rice, coffee, tea, sugar

New kitchen items including housekeeping items (eg. bin bags, washing up liquid) or home decor items

Shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shower gel, nappies (for welcome packs)

(cheques payable to St. Mary's Bexley PCC and write Bexley Womens Aid on back)

At our Harvest meal we will be supporting The Diocesan Poverty and Hope appeal.

**Jobs vacant page** Churchwarden, gardeners, first aider, parish safeguarding officer, sacristan, crucifer.

#### **Pastoral visits and Home Communion**

Please let the Vicar know if you or someone you know would like a pastoral visit or would welcome a visit to receive Holy Communion.

#### **Prayer Matters**

Those whose names are in the book placed on the Lady Chapel altar during services. Please pray especially for Marion Lamb, undergoing radiotherapy daily for the next four weeks.

May the healing presence of the Holy Spirit be with them.

Parish - those living in Oxford Mews, Parkhurst Road.

Diocese- Creationtide: Pray for the Eco Church initiative and affiliated churches in this diocese. The Rev Canon Matthew Rushton; Observer on the Canterbury Diocese Environmental Working Group.

Our government, parliament and EU leaders as they seek a way forward with Brexit.

Christians who are persecuted for their faith. For those living in poverty, and the Food Banks and other support agencies trying to help.

For innovative ways to reduce and re-use plastic, to prevent it harming poorer communities and our environment around the world.