Bishop, The Rt Rev Farai Mutamiri, his clergy and people.

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.

#### Dates ahead.

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.

7<sup>th</sup>- 11<sup>th</sup> Oct Clive away on retreat

**9<sup>th</sup> Oct** 7.30 pm CTiOB committee meeting at URC **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
22<sup>nd</sup> Oct 3.00 pm Outreach Committee meeting at
6, Clarendon Mews.

**30<sup>th</sup> Oct** 7.00 for 7.30 pm BTM joint clergy and wardens meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> Nov 9.30 am BTM intercessions 'master class' at St. Barnabas with Rev'd Ren Harding

7<sup>th</sup> Nov 10.00 am Standing Committee meeting at43 Wansunt Road



# 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 <u>www.stmarysbexley.co.uk</u>

## SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.30 am Holy Communion – BCP

Readings: Amos 8:4-7, Luke 16:1-13 We welcome Rev'd Sue Twynam to preside and preach at this service.

**10.00 am** Family Service.

Reading: Amos 8:4-7

**3.00 pm** Dedication service of new branch and standard of the Royal British Legion at St. James', North Cray followed by refreshments at the Scout Hall.

**3.30 pm** Holy Communion - CW Readings: Amos 8:4-7, Luke 16:1-13 We welcome Rev'd Neil Bunker to preside and preach at this service.

All services followed by refreshments.

Luke 16 v10a 'Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much.'

## COLLECT

Almighty God,

whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

#### St. Mary the Virgin, Bexley

High Street, Bexley, DA5 3LX Team Vicar: Reverend Clive Wood revclivewood@gmail.com 01322 270942 07982 392 809 Rest days: Mon. and Sat.

## <u>The week ahead</u>

#### Wed 25<sup>th</sup>

10.00 am Holy Communion-CW.
Readings: Ezra 9:5-9, Luke 9 1-6. We welcome
Rev'd Sue Twynam to preach and preside.
3.00 pm No house group this week.
7.30 for 8.00 pm 'Bible for Everyone' at St John's.
We continue the 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.\*
Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> 10.00 am Standing Committee meeting at 43 Wansunt Road
Fri 27<sup>th</sup> 6.45 pm Choir practice
Sat 28<sup>th</sup> 11.00 am to approx 5.00 pm Bexley
Village Cricket festival.

\*Why not try a new thing? Come along to this meeting and enjoy fellowship and learn more about our faith.

Anniversary of Baptism - Theo Baxtersmith - 23/09/2018 Thomas Jarmyn - 24/09/2017

## NEXT SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.30am Holy Communion – BCP
Readings: Amos 6:1a, 4-7, Luke 16:19-end
10.00 am Holy Communion CW
Readings: Amos 6:1a, 4-7, 1 Timothy 6:6-19, Luke 16:19-end

## **Bexley Village Cricket Festival**

Next Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Sept. starting with a short service on the pitch at 11.00 am; play from 11.30 am 'til late afternoon. If you would like to play please let Andrew Hill know (07982 129 624). Donations of cakes for cake stall are welcome. Come along for all or part of the day and join the fun.

## **Intercessions Master Class**

If you feel called to pray for the world and perhaps even lead intercessions in church, there will be an 'Intercessors' Masterclass' at St Barnabas Church on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November from 9.30 am. Please let Clive know if you would like to explore this further.

# Harvest Thanksgiving Service 6th 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  $5^{\rm th}$  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.

From **December** there will be a new pattern of Wednesday Holy Communion services; they will all be at **10.00 am** 

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday in the month at St John's.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in the month at St. Mary's.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in the month at St. John's.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in the month at St. Mary's.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in the month at St.James'.

Jobs vacant page Churchwarden, gardeners, first aider, sacristan, crucifer, candle filler

## 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 all this week.

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

Parish - those living in Portman Close, Ridgecroft Close.

Our Link Diocese of Harare, Zimbabwe and its