

Welcome to St Mary's. We hope you enjoy worshipping with us. If you are here for the first time please make yourself known to one of the clergy or sidespeople. Do take this sheet home with you.

Prayer for the week

Be a bright flame before me, O God,
a guiding star above me, a smooth path below me,
a kindly shepherd behind me, today, tonight, forever. Amen.
(Prayer of St Columba)

The Retreat: Families with young children may like to use the Melvill Room (door beside the organ) as a Retreat space for young children who are getting restless. The service is relayed into there and there are toys and books for children. There is also coffee available for adults.

APPOINTING A NEW RECTOR - AN UPDATE

We are on track. The PCC has approved our part of the Parish Profile that describes us and our priorities for Richard's successor. It takes full account of your comments to us. It needs approval by the Team Council (we meet on 3rd December) and the Bishop. We advertise on 11th and 18th January and interview in mid-March.

Meanwhile we seek to continue to develop our ministry here. Thank you for all your suggestions at the congregational meeting on 14th October. Our first action is to meet your request to know more about the groups that share the work at St Mary's. We will issue a fortnightly note in church about one of the groups.

Did you get last weeks on the Bellringers? It was well received and there are copies in church. We will implement more of your ideas in the coming months. Fouki and Phil, churchwardens

Services on 25th November

8am	Holy Communion BCP	President & preacher: Bishop Richard Harries
8.45am	Parish Breakfast	In the Melvill Room
10am	Parish Eucharist	President: Rev'd Sister Margaret Anne
		Preacher: Geoffrey Barnett
6pm	Evensong	Officiant: Christabel Gairdner

Collect for 25th November

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading: Daniel 7 vv9-10; 13-14 **Gospel:** John 18 vv33-37 **10am hymns:** 704, 794, 440, 494

Special Prayers:

St Mary's outward giving projects: Age UK Richmond upon Thames

The sick, including Anne White, Dorothea Jackson, Philip Mitchell

Those who have recently died: Neville Otty, Norma Smith, Ingvar Ljunghammar

Anniversaries of death: Alexander Appleton; Frederick Holst; Elizabeth du Parcq; Henry Pither

This week

Mon to Fri	9.05am	Morning Prayer in the Langton Chapel
Mondays	2.30pm	Sewing group (contact Rosie on 8876 5338)
Thurs 22 nd Nov	11.15am	Quiet Time
	12 noon	Holy Communion (BCP): President & preacher: Rev'd Sister Margaret Anne
Sat 1 st Dec	10.30am	Coffee Shop in the Melvill Room in aid of FiSH
Sun 2 nd Dec	8am	Holy Communion BCP: President & preacher: Rev'd Sister Margaret Anne
Advent	10am	Parish Eucharist: President & preacher: Bishop Richard Harries
Sunday	11.30am	Informal Service with baptisms: Officiant: Rev'd Sister Margaret Anne
	4pm	Advent Carols at St Michael's & All Angels

Our charity of the Month: AGE UK RICHMOND/BARNES GREEN CENTRE

Social isolation – loneliness – is increasingly highlighted in the media both for young people and older people who often face later life alone. Our Community Services programme has successfully included people living alone in projects such as “MANaging your Spare Time”, inviting them to attend classes, join a pub lunch for discussion, IT lessons or to join us as a volunteer on our allotment or in our Social Centres or numerous other ways. Equally, many of you in the congregation know that Age UK Richmond runs the much-loved Barnes Green Centre where you will find a wide range of activities from exercise classes to art, IT classes or a simple friendly welcome for a cup of coffee or lunch. Do call in at the Centre to introduce someone as a new member or offer your help as a much-needed volunteer. Together we can combat loneliness and provide intergenerational help in our community. We always value your support and kind donations. Janet Eaton is at the Centre on 020 8876 2377 or call the main office in Sheen on 0208 878 3625
www.ageukrichmond.org

Please note

Advent Carols at St Michael's on Sunday 2nd December starts at 4pm

Advent home group: Encountering Jesus of Nazareth with Mark Oakley, Rose Hudson-Wilkins and Brother Sam SSF at 10 - 11.15am on Thursdays 6, 13 and 20 December at 2 Mill Hill Road. For details ring 8878 6975 or e-mail geoffrey.barnett2@btinternet.com

Advent Meditations

There will be three Advent Meditations in the **Langton Chapel** on **3, 10 and 17 December at 8pm** focusing on three Gospel evangelists and offering time for stillness and prayer in a busy pre-Christmas season.

Monday 3 December - St Mark

Monday 10 December - St Luke

Monday 17 December - St John

They will last about an hour, ending with an Order for Compline, and will be led by Geoffrey, Christabel and Sister Margaret.

Hosting the Holy Family in Advent (Posada):

a way of entering the season of Advent is by taking a turn to host a box for 24 hours which contains a beautiful olive wood carving of Mary, Joseph and Jesus. It is then passed from person to person each day at which point hospitality might be shared. It's a wonderful way of helping to make the preparation for Christmas very special. Please sign up on the list at the back of Church to join in. If you have any difficulty speak to the Churchwardens or the Church Office.

Myra & Joyce "Playing to the Gallery"

with Stephanie Cole as Myra Hess

Patricia Hodge as Joyce Grenfell

Richard Sisson on piano

Saturday 1 December 2018 7.30pm at St Mary's Barnes

In 1940, as bombs fell on Britain and our troops were fighting abroad, two remarkable women risked their lives to raise morale. Told with humour and music, the reminiscences of these good friends have inspired this entertainment written and directed by John Gorrie.

In aid of Actors' Benevolent Fund
and The Friends of St Mary's Barnes.

Tickets £15 from ticketsource.co.uk/stmarybarnes
and St Mary's Office

Barnes Christmas Festival: The BCA is organising community carol-singing on December 7th as part of the Christmas Festival. Barnes Concert Band will play carols at the Sun Inn Yard between 7pm and 7.45pm and you're invited to join in. Words will be provided. Like last year, there'll also be bellringing in the High Street outside M&S, a choir in front of Rose House and more singers outside the Olympic Studios. Father Christmas will be visiting Barnes during the evening, first the Castelnau Centre and then the OSO, where there'll be craft stalls selling festive gifts.

Annual Human Rights Day Vigil on Monday 10th December at 8pm in the Lady Chapel (small door in Elm Bank Gardens) at St Michael's & All Angels. All welcome.

Barnes Music Festival 2019: programme for the festival has now been released - please pick up a leaflet with details at the back of the church

Barnes Charity Ball "Arabian Nights" on Friday 8th February 2019 tickets are now available. Spice up your new year with this magical evening, the highlight of the Barnes social calendar. See booking form at back of church or visit www.jumblebee.co.uk/thearabiannightsball

CTiB Barnes Homeless Shelter.

We are looking for volunteers to help serve breakfast to the homeless on Sunday mornings (5:45 - 7:00 am) during the winter at the Barnes Methodist Church. If you would like to help in this rewarding work, please contact Pip Danby: 020 8255 5605 danbypip@gmail.com

Women's World Day of Prayer: 4pm service at St Mary's Barnes on Friday 1st March 2019

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If you have, or know of anyone who has a pastoral concern, please let Fiona Barnett know
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