

11th March 2018 Mothering Sunday

To inspire
hearts and minds
to serve
the mission of God

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

As a mother protects her children, watching over them day by day, alert to danger, and ready if necessary to sacrifice herself for their sakes, so you Lord protect, your arms constantly encircling us, your hands delivering us from harm.

For the intensity of your love, Lord Jesus we thank you. Amen

Services on IIth March

8am Holy Communion BCP President & preacher: Bishop Richard Harries
10am Parish Eucharist President & preacher: Sister Margaret Anne
11.30am Informal Service Officiants: Christabel Gairdner & Charlie Auton
6pm NO EVENSONG Barnes Music Festival event at St Michael's

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.

Collect for IIth March

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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. Amen

First Reading: Colossians 3 vv12-17

Gospel: John 19 vv25b-27

10am hymns: 394, 748, 315, 719

II.30am hymns: tba

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

Special Prayers:

St Mary's outward giving projects: Bishop's Lent Call

The sick, including Alastair Mackie, Anne White and Elizabeth Casson Those who have died: Charles Turnbull; Jean Otty; Gilda Roberts

Anniversaries of death: Rachel Locke; Daniel Hart; Diana Baxter; Constance Rogers

This week		
Mon to Fri	9.05am	Morning Prayer
Mondays	2.30pm	Sewing group (contact Rosie on 8876 5338)
Thurs 15 th March	11.45am	Quiet Time (change of time for this week)
	12 noon	Holy Communion (CW): President & preacher: Rev'd Richard Sewell
Sat 17 th March	10.30am	Coffee Shop in the Melvill Room supporting the Bishop's Lent Appeal
Sun 18th March	8am	Holy Communion BCP: President & preacher: Sister Margaret Anne
Fifth Sunday	I 0am	Parish Eucharist: President: Rev'd Richard Sewell
of Lent		Preacher: Bishop Richard Harries
	6pm	NO EVENSONG – Barnes Music Festival: The Armed Man performance

This month's Charity: Bishop's Lent Call

A message from the Bishop of Southwark:

I am pleased to be able give details for this year's Lent Call.

The projects we are supporting seek to bring help to those who are in need in the Holy Land as a result of the years of conflict; to offer help to our brothers and sisters in Zimbabwe as they work at this time of national transition for a better tomorrow there and to care for those in need of help across a wide spectrum of issues such as homelessness, mental health and domestic violence here in our own Diocese. Alongside giving to these projects I hope that you will wish to pray for the people concerned and the needs these projects address.

Church layout has been re-arranged into concert setting during the Barnes Music Festival for this Sunday and next. Please follow the instructions of the President and Sidesmen for taking communion and apologies for this change to the normal format.

The Bellringers were thrilled to receive a national award from the Association of Ringing Teachers (ART) last weekend. This particular award is for inspirational teaching in relation to our Saturday morning training.

Lent Resources: You can use the very helpful and insightful daily reflections for Lent by going to Live Lent website www.churchofengland.org/lent and you sign up to receive them as a daily email if you wish. You call also download an App for your smart phone by searching for #livelent from the Play Store or whatever you use.

Easter Lilies: if you would like to buy a lily in memory of a loved one, please sign the list at the back of the church giving your name and the loved one's name. The lilies cost £5 each and will form the entire floral part of our Easter display.

Lent Home Group: Christ in the Wilderness, reflections on five paintings by Stanley Spencer over five weeks beginning Thursday 15 Feb at 10.30am at 2 Mill Hill Road. All are welcome. Ring Fiona or Geoffrey Barnett 8878 6975 for more information.

Maundy Thursday Supper will be held at 6.30pm in Kitson Hall. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church for those planning to come and for those who are happy to cook/help. Please so sign-up promptly. You may ring Rosie on 8876 5338or email her at rosemary@pfindlater.plus.com

Good Friday Silent Walk of Witness this Year:

11.15am meet on pavement outside Starbucks/Natwest Bank, Castelnau for short prayers. Process down Church Road, stopping at Rose House (90, High Street) for short prayers. Cross the road to Barnes Green Centre for final prayers finishing at 11.45am.

First Communion Course: Begins on 22nd April. If any children aged 7 and up would like to participate in this year's course, please speak to Rev Richard Sewell or fill in a form at the back of church and return to Rev Richard or the Church office.

Castelnau Community Centre: are running five **free** art sessions run by an art facilitator for people experiencing memory loss, confusion or early stage dementia. Tuesdays 12.45 to 2.45pm, light lunch provided. Sessions still to run on 27th Feb and 6th, 13th and 20th March. To book your place call Simon on 020 8741 0909.

Daily Friends of St Mary's

We need one or two new Daily Friends to help keep the church open on weekdays from 10.30-12.30. Volunteers do one hour a fortnight so if you think you could help please call Sian Walford on 0208 876 1432. Thank you.



Barnes Music Festival

This is the first weekend of the **Barnes Music Festival** with the Opening Concert last night. Today you can enjoy the **Barnes Concert Band** at 3pm in St Mary's (with tea and cakes afterwards) and this evening at 6pm **Bach St**

Matthew Passion in St Michael's.

The rest of the week at St Mary's sees **An Evening with Howard Goodall** with Elly Oldroyd on Monday, cello recital from **Josh Salter** at lunchtime on Tuesday, **Alistair McGowan Piano Peace** on Wednesday, organ recital from royal-wedding organist **James McVinnie** on Thursday lunchtime and **Fibonacci Sequence** piano quartet on Thursday evening.

Next weekend we have two of the most popular choral works in the repertoire with **Haydn The Creation** on Friday evening and **Handel Messiah** on Saturday evening. Please also enjoy the new photographic exhibition **Peace & Harmonies** at the back of the church. Tickets for most events are still available either online, from Chestertons or on the door.

This week Fri 16th March

7.30pm Haydn The Creation - Tiffin Boys' Choir **Sat 17th March**

7.30pm Handel Messiah - Fulham Camerata **Sun 18th March**

11.30am Come & Sing: The Armed Man Registration in Kitson Hall

6pm NO EVENSONG - The Armed Man performance

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