

Welcome to St Mary's. We are delighted that church services have resumed. As requested by the Department for Health and Social Care, we will keep your details safely and in compliance with GDPR legislation for 21 days before securely disposing of or deleting them. We will only share your details with NHS Test and Trace, if asked, in the event that it is needed to help stop the spread of coronavirus. We will not use your details for any other purposes or pass them on to anyone else. Please download the NHS Covid-19 App on your phone so that you can scan the unique QR code we now have on posters throughout the church. You will need to do this each time you attend St Mary's Barnes. This is in addition to signing in with the sidespeople on the front desk. Along with using the provided hand sanitiser and maintaining social distancing, **wearing a face covering** is now mandatory, unless you are exempt for medical reasons. Please do not attend if you are experiencing any symptoms. Those leading services, including readings and prayers are not required to wear face coverings unless they are within 2 metres of others. The priest will wear a covering for the administration of Holy Communion. Please do not attend if you are experiencing any Coronavirus symptoms. We will continue to put services [online](#) for those unable to come to church.

Prayer for the week

Before you speak, let your words pass through three gates:

At the first gate, ask yourself, "Is it true?"

At the second gate ask, "Is it necessary?"

At the third gate ask, "Is it kind?"

Rumi

8am Holy Communion (BCP) led by Rev'd James Hutchings

10am Parish Eucharist: President: Rev'd James Hutchings, Preacher: Bishop Richard Harries

The Choral Scholars will be singing live this Sunday

Sunday Club is back. It will be in the Ellerton Room, and parents & carers are asked to take children to the Melvill Room entrance rather than go through the church. The children will come back in at the usual time and will return to sit with their families.

11.45am Informal Service with baptisms: Officiant: Rev'd James Hutchings

6pm Healing & Wholeness: Officiants: Rev'd James Hutchings & Fiona Barnett

If you regularly attend one of our services then do take an Order of Service booklet home with you and please remember to bring it to use when you attend again. We are trying to avoid booklets being handed out repeatedly between people from different households.

Other services and events

Morning Prayer 8.45am Monday-Friday in the Langton Chapel. You can join Morning Prayer live on Facebook www.facebook.com/stmarysbarnes/ at 8.45am or anytime after it ends. You don't have to be a Facebook member to watch it (just click 'not now' when it prompts you to join).

Thursday 15th October 12 noon Holy Communion (CW) led by Rev'd James Hutchings

Collect for 11th October 2020

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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.

First Reading: Philippians 4:1-9 Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Special Prayers: [FiSH Neighbourhood Care](#)

The sick, including Isabelle, Irene May Wilson, Anne White, Monty & Maisie Brown, Liz Fergusson

Anniversaries of death: Cynthia Armstrong

Those who have died: Tony White, Anthony Land, Josephine Harris

Anthony Land's funeral will be taking place on Wednesday 14th October 2020. With a limit of only 30 people allowed to attend funeral services, regrettably there are no free spaces for members of the congregation.

CHURCH OPEN DAILY FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION

Welcome to St Mary's, whether you are joining us in the church or online.

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Online Church: The Parish Eucharist is recorded and available by early afternoon on the St Mary's YouTube channel, which can be found by using the web link shown here: [YouTube](#) It can also be found on the [Online Church](#) page on our website, where you will also find links to Morning Prayer, other services, music and children's resources and photo gallery. You can join Morning Prayer live on Facebook www.facebook.com/stmarybarnes/ at 8.45am or anytime after it ends. *You don't have to be a Facebook member to watch it (just click 'not now' when it prompts you to join).*

[Sleep Out to Give Others Shelter](#)

A huge thank you for enabling me to surpass my fundraising target - together we have raised about £700 for Glass Door and its vital work. Next year I hope to be sleeping under the stars again rather than on the rectory floor! Many thanks, Rev'd James

Mervyn Thomas, Founder President of Christian Solidarity Worldwide, will be preaching at our **10am service on Sunday 18th October** and will also hold a Q and A session.

Mervyn Thomas is Founder and Chief Executive of CSW, a Christian human rights organisation specialising in freedom of religion or belief. He has testified in the UK parliament and at Congressional hearings on Capitol Hill. Mervyn works closely with the UK All Parliamentary Group for International Freedom of Religion or Belief (APPG ForB) and the International Panel of Parliamentarians for Freedom of Religion or Belief (IPPFoRB).

He also advises the Foreign Secretary on freedom of religion or belief issues, as a member of his Human Rights Advisory Group.

ANNUAL FRIENDS EVENSONG on Sunday 18th October 2020 at 6pm with St Mary's Barnes Choral Scholars, Tom Fetherstonhaugh *organ* and performances by Barnes Young Musicians of the Year Xenia Edwards *violin* & Tian Hsu *trumpet*

Address by Rev'd James Hutchings "St Mary's at the heart of the community"

Free admission with ticket from ticketsource.co.uk/stmarybarnes

Text Giving: To donate to support the maintenance and work of St Mary's, text STMARYBARNES to 70450, adding the amount you wish to give (i.e. to donate £5 text STMARYBARNES5/ for £10 text STMARYBARNES10 and so on). Texts cost your donation plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text STMARYBARNESNOINFO to 70450 adding the amount as above (i.e. £5 STMARYBARNESNOINFO5).

Church scrapbooks: will be featured on the [History & Architecture](#) page on our website and on social media.

Look out this week for the new [Barnes Charity Fashion Week](#) from 10th to 17th October

 follow the Barnes Fashion Trail for the latest fashions at your favourite local boutiques

 special offers in all the stores

 follow [Instagram @BarnesFashion](#) for latest news

 donate to support local charities at justgiving.com/campaign/barnesfashionforcharities

Fr Martin Calderbank, is due to be ordained a priest on Saturday 17th October. Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions the ordination service itself is not open to the general public. Martin spent his placement as an ordinand at St Mary's and we look forward to welcoming him here to worship with us at a Sunday service soon. If you would like to contribute towards a gift for Fr Martin please drop it in to the Parish Office at St Michael's or transfer it at a later date. Donations (ideally Gift Aided) can be brought to the St Michael's Vicarage, cheques should be made out to 'St Michael & All Angels, Barnes', and transfers can be made to the church bank account. Barclays, Account No. 10774065, Sort Code 20-72-33 (Ref. PRIEST).

Parish Support Fund: The way the Church of England parishes support ministry and mission is through a pooled budget called the Parish Support Fund. As one of the parishes with the greatest capacity to give, St Mary's is voluntarily giving £180,000, which pays not only for our own ministry here, but also for the equivalent of parishes with another 1.5 vicars elsewhere in the diocese. As you know, Southwark is very diverse, and many parishes would be without a vicar if they had to fund all their costs locally. It is right and biblical that we do this, just as St Paul encouraged the Corinthians to support other Christian communities in need. Your generous giving enables the PCC to do this, and for the diocese to work together as a family, so thank you.

Online Christian Meditation Group: An invitation is extended to anyone from this parish who would like to join an online group of people practising Christian meditation. No previous experience is necessary. The group initially formed from members of the St Anne's Church in Kew, but since the practice has been offered online it now includes Christians from across the country and others seeking a nourishing and contemplative practice which leads to inner peace and a sense of calm and well-being. It is led by David Boddy, an experienced Meditator and member of the St Anne's community. The group meets online at 7am on Friday mornings and concludes around 7.50am. If you would like to try a session, please email the group administrator Suzie Oweiss at soweiss@tutordocor.co.uk, copying in David at dj.boddy@gmail.com. For further information you can contact Paul Palmarozza, a member of St Mary's parish, at pppalmarozza@gmail.com. You will be very welcome.

Appeal from the Barnes Community Association. We need your help.

Following last week's widely-reported protest meeting, the Broken Bridge Broken London pressure group has started a petition asking the Government to fund either a new bridge or repairs for Hammersmith bridge: <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/549607> Within the first 72 hours it was signed by over 15,000 supporters. This means that now the Government must respond. However, in order for the issue to be considered for a debate we need to have 100,000 signatures. Please sign the petition using the link above.

Then forward the link to your relatives, friends and business contacts asking them to do likewise.

We will be holding an All Souls' Service at 6pm on Sunday 1st November 2020. There is a form which can be filled out on our [Online Church](#) page if you wish us to remember your loved ones.

You can also find the link for this form [here](#). Please remember to click 'Submit' at the end of the form.

November 7th & 8th sees the launch of the inaugural [Barnes BookFest](#) a collaboration between the [Barnes Bookshop](#), the [Friends of St Mary's Barnes](#), the [Barnes Literary Society](#) and organiser Anne Mullins. In a weekend of talks and screenings, some of Britain's best writers will be giving an insight into the way they work and the subjects that fascinate them, including Andrew Graham Dixon, Michael Morpurgo, Gyles Brandreth, Richard Harries, Simon Heffer, Bob Champion, Edwin Mullins and Salley Vickers. www.barnesbookfest.com

If anyone was going to an informal Christian reading group which ran from 2009 to 2020 in Barnes led by Richard Mansfield and don't have his contact details, he would be pleased to hear from you rmansfield066@gmail.com Richard says 'The group has sadly ended for the time being due to Covid. The problem however, is that the reading group was a turn up arrangement so many of the attendees didn't always leave contact information, as I wanted things to be fun and informal. This has made getting in touch with some of them hard as people are still assuming the club is still running.'

Castelnau Centre Project is running **'Walk & Talk'** every weekday morning from 9.30am to 10.30am. Meet at the Centre and we will take a stroll and have a chat. Walks depend on participant preference & mobility. www.castelnaucentreproject.co.uk

St Mary's charity of the month At the beginning of lockdown, [FiSH Neighbourhood Care](#) 'lost' around two-thirds of their volunteer force overnight as the 'over 70s' were advised to stay at home. 144 new volunteers have joined the FiSH team since March and, according to FiSH policy, references and DBS clearance have been obtained for each of them to ensure the trust and safety of vulnerable clients. Since April, volunteers have undertaken 2876 jobs via the FiSH Helpline, which is 400 more than carried out in the whole of the previous year. More volunteers are urgently needed to meet the expected demands that will come throughout the coming autumn and winter. If you can help, please download an application form from the FiSH website: www.fishhelp.org.uk More info from Judy Gowing who is always happy to talk about FiSH!

St Mary's takes the safeguarding and care of children and vulnerable adults very seriously.

Our **Parish Safeguarding Officers** are Elisabeth Munden and Natasha Mold. If you have any concerns about the safety or welfare of a child or vulnerable adults, they can be contacted via safeguarding@stmarybarnes.org or the Church Office on 0208 741 5422.