

**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:**

○ God of truth and justice, we hold before you those men and women who have died in active service: in Iraq, in Afghanistan and elsewhere. As we honour their courage and cherish their memory, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever.  
Amen.

**Services on 12<sup>th</sup> November**

8am	Holy Communion BCP	President & preacher: Rev'd Richard Sewell
10.50am	Remembrance Sunday Service	Officiant: Rev'd Richard Sewell
6pm	Evensong	Officiant: Bishop Richard Harries

**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 12<sup>th</sup> November**

Ever-living God, we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence; may that same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples and establish harmony among the nations through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**First Reading:** in special service sheet

**Gospel:** Matthew 25:1-13

**10.50am hymns:** in special service sheet

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

The two poems being read today are: The Sorrow of Sarajevo by Goran Simic (English version by David Harsent) *Read by David Harsent* and Last Post by Carol Ann Duffy *Read by Louise Farrer* Copies of these can be found on the desk by the church door.

**Special Prayers:**

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

**The sick,** including Alastair Mackie, Carole Stratton

**Anniversaries of death:** Claire Syner; Cathern Kirby; Margaret Collenette

**Those who have died:** Edith Day; Rev'd Trevor Patterson

**This week**

Mon to Fri	9.05am	Morning Prayer
Mondays	2pm	Sewing group (contact Rosie on 8876 5338)
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup>	11.15am	Quiet Time
Nov	12 noon	Holy Communion (CW): President & preacher: Rev'd Richard Sewell
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10-3pm	St Mary's Christmas Fair in Kitson Hall
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	8am	Holy Communion BCP: President & preacher: Sister Margaret Anne
	10am	Parish Eucharist: President: Rev'd Richard Sewell Preacher: Bishop Richard Harries
	6pm	Healing & Wholeness: Officiant: Rev'd Richard Sewell

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## Age UK Richmond upon Thames: our charity of the month

Phone: 020 8876 2377 Open: Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm

Age UK Richmond upon Thames is a local independent charity providing services and support for older people across the borough of Richmond.

Our Barnes Green Centre offers a wide range of activities to help improve and maintain health and wellbeing for people over 50 years of age. With over 30 activities on offer every week, including exercise groups, beauty treatments and opportunities to learn new skills, there's something for everyone.

See our website for details [www.ageukrichmond.org.uk](http://www.ageukrichmond.org.uk) or pop in to see what's available.

### St Mary's Christmas Fair on Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Nov

It's the Christmas Fair next Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> in Kitson Hall from 10 - 3 raising money for our nominated Charities. We will have a number of external stalls selling great Christmas gifts as well as Bric a Brac / Cakes / Plants / Raffle / Silent Auction. A Cafe will be running offering light lunch as well as teas and coffees and there will be Children's activities as well.

**Get Baking:** We would be very grateful if you could bring cakes for us to sell at the Fair. All donations to be brought to Kitson Hall on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> in the morning. **Volunteers:** We still need helpers on the day, there is a sign-up sheet at the back of church.

### 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. Speak to Rev'd Richard for more details (020 8288 7690).

**St Mary's Christmas Cards:** It is that time of year again when we need your help to sell Christmas cards for St Mary's. From Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November we will be selling the cards everyday in the church until the final few days before Christmas. If anyone has a couple of hours to spare between 12.30-2.30pm on weekdays or on Saturdays either at 12.15-1.15pm or 1.15-2.30pm when they could sit in the church and help to sell the cards we would be hugely grateful. If you think you could fill one of the slots on the rota, then please do give Charlie Grainger a ring on 020 8239 8861 or email [heron.christmascards@stmarybarnes.org](mailto:heron.christmascards@stmarybarnes.org) We really can't do it without you!

Calling all children to join the cast of our **Nativity** which is performed on Christmas Eve each year. This time, the play is called, **Gabriel's Big Break** and we will be retelling the Christmas story from the point of view of the angels. There are parts for everyone and rehearsals take place during the 10am. service on Sundays throughout Advent. For more information contact JulieAnn on [jascounselling@btinternet.com](mailto:jascounselling@btinternet.com) or Alison on [aejmacmillan@gmail.com](mailto:aejmacmillan@gmail.com) and do join us on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November when we will be starting casting immediately after the morning service. It promises to be fun!

### 'The Gift of Christmas' with Virginia McKenna

on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 6pm: Sing along with carols, share a drink and mince pie in the interval and celebrate the greatest gift of all, Peace and Goodwill, as Virginia McKenna reads from Michael Morpurgo's "The Best Christmas Present in the World" among other readings from various authors and poets. Tickets from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/stmarybarnes](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/stmarybarnes)

### Barnes Charity Ball 2018 "Highland Fling" on

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018 ticket applications now open so fill in a form (available on the website [www.barnescharityball.org](http://www.barnescharityball.org) and in the church) to enjoy the social event of the year and enjoy a Scottish experience of entertainment, food, drink and dancing. Please get in touch with [info@barnescharityball.org](mailto:info@barnescharityball.org)

**Barnes Music Festival 2018** outline programme has been published. Please pick up a leaflet with all the details and save the dates of 10 - 25 March 2018 for two weeks of wonderful music-making in Barnes.

### Barnes Young Musician of the Year 2018

applications are now open to students of Grade 6 standard and above who live, attend school or have their instrumental lessons in Barnes. Go to [barnesmusicfestival.com](http://barnesmusicfestival.com) for full details and application form.

### Waiting on God – Advent Prayer Workshops

#### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm

Praying with Evelyn Underhill (20<sup>th</sup> century English writer) Led by Rev'd Richard Sewell

#### Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm

Praying with R S Thomas (20<sup>th</sup> century Welsh poet) Led by Christabel Gairdner

#### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm

Praying with St Aidan & St Cuthbert (7<sup>th</sup> century Celtic saints) Led by Sr Margaret Anne

**St Michael & All Angels Barnes** is currently undertaking a community audit regarding the uses, facilities and needs relating to its Church Hall on Elm Bank Gardens. If you are or have been a user of the Hall, or live relatively close by, then you are invited to fill out a very brief online survey which can be found in the 'News' section [www.stmichaelbarnes.org](http://www.stmichaelbarnes.org) Responses must be received by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November. There is also a community meeting on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 8pm in the Church Hall when we shall be looking at the audit and other information to which all are welcome.

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