

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. 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. We will continue to put services [online](#) for those unable to come to church. Full details of our plans for services can be found [here](#).

Prayer for the week

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts; that, as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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

10am Parish Eucharist: President: Rev'd James Hutchings, Preacher: Rev'd James Canon Milne

The Choral Scholars will be singing live this Sunday

6pm Evensong led by Rev'd James Hutchings

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/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).*

Thursday 17th September 12 noon Holy Communion (CW) led by Rev'd James Hutchings

Collect for 13th September

Almighty God, who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary and chose her to be the mother of your only Son: grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

First Reading: Isaiah 61.10-end **Gospel:** Matthew 18.21-35

Special Prayers: [Christian Solidarity Worldwide](#)

The sick, including Isabelle, Jackie Northen, William McGowan, Jane Thomas, Irene May Wilson, Anne White, Monty & Maisie Brown, Liz Fergusson

Anniversaries of death: Edith Day, Charlie Hogan, Mildred Selby

Those who have died: Sir Ken Robinson, Janice Fox

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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).*

Start of term and back to church!

On 13th September, we have our Patronal Festival Service at 10am, when we remember St Mary and give thanks annually for the life of our parish. This year I am pleased we will have as our guest preacher Revd Canon James Milne, who is the Canon Precentor at St Paul's Cathedral.

The Reverend Canon James Milne - Precentor

The Precentor has responsibility for liturgy and music within St Paul's Cathedral. Having studied at the Universities of Wales and Edinburgh, James was ordained in 1998 to serve as Assistant Curate of St Mary Magdalene, Dundee. In 2001, he was appointed Rector of St Margaret's Church, Lochee and a Chaplain for NHS Tayside. Before St Paul's he served as Rector of St Bride's, Glasgow and Convenor of the Diocesan Development Team for Liturgy and Worship. He was also on the Liturgy Committee of the Scottish Episcopal Church, latterly as Convenor.

On **20th September**, we will have a short all-age Eucharist at 10am to celebrate Harvest. We particularly invite families who may not have been back since lockdown. There will be reserved seating for larger family households. Our children's worker Jackie and our young people will be involved in leading. Please come with donations of food as symbols of all the good things God gives us. Preferably non-perishable, which we will then donate to the Foodbank. There will also be a "book bag blessing" - children are invited to bring their book bag, and adults to bring an equivalent for you which symbolises your work or other occupations!

New zoom study group, starting 21st September

Our new group will look at some readings for the season of "creationtide". During September and October, the Church of England, encourages us to focus on God as creator and sustainer of all life. Each week we will look at a bible reading on this theme, and discuss it in a similar way to our recent groups on Acts and Philippians.

Our group will meet online at 2.30pm for an hour for 5 weekly sessions, from Monday 21st September to Monday 19th October inclusive. If you would like to join please let me know, and I will send you the zoom invitation a few days before. If you want to get ahead the full resources are on this link

[Creationtide Discussion Materials](#)

You will see that each week a number of readings, biblical and other, are given, and you might like to choose one each day, but this is an optional extra. I will choose one for our group discussion and compose some questions of my own. I encourage those who have not previously taken part to give it a go too - it is an excellent way to grow in your faith and to join with others in doing so. *Rev'd James*

Jackie Davis & Julie Smith, our Children's and Youth Workers, have posted some videos and activities for the month of August: <https://www.stmarybarnes.org/children-teens/>

Learning from the lockdown: A series of contributions on this theme continues this week with a Lockdown Reflection from Fiona Barnett and is on our [News](#) page. The reflections are from a variety of people on how they experienced lockdown in their context and any lessons that might be learned for us locally and further afield in the future. I have invited a number of people to contribute but if you would like to share your story, please let me know. revdjames@stmarybarnes.org

[Sleep Out to Give Others Shelter](#)

Glass Door Homeless Charity will be hosting its annual Sleep Out (or in) on 2nd October 2020. I'm planning to do it again in Duke of York Square, and I'm hoping others will join me this year, possibly including a group of our teenagers and Julie our youth worker. You'll see below there are different ways to join in this year.

For the first time this year, all participants will have the option to join the event remotely if they wish. But everyone will still be joining together as a Sleep Out community online.

Glass Door works to support and shelter those in our community who are at absolute crisis point. Glass Door welcomes everyone as a guest, giving them stability before helping them make the necessary steps to move off the streets for good. The charity has remained open to help those facing homelessness throughout the pandemic and is committed to finding ways to ensure that individuals in need can find safe shelter and a warm welcome this winter and beyond. With a quarter of a million people at risk of losing their tenancy in coming months (according to Shelter), Glass Door's services will be needed more than ever over this next year.

"The rise in homelessness is a scandal, and we will continue to do all we can to get people off the streets and into shelters. But we can't do it alone," says Rev Brian Leathard, chair of trustees at Glass Door and Rector at St Luke's and Christ Church, Chelsea. This year, there is one event, but many ways to get involved.

The choice is yours:

Option 1: Sleep In... your garden, car, own home on the floor, or anywhere that's creative but safe.

Option 2: Sleep Out... at Duke of York Square (Government guidelines and permission permitting).

Option 3: Sleep In... small socially distanced groups at a location of your choosing – e.g. in a friend's garden.

I will also assess if we could do a sleep out in the church grounds.

To register or find out more, let me know and please visit www.glassdoor.org.uk

or call the charity on 020 7351 4948. revdjames@stmarybarnes.org

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).

Sweepers: A vital duty in St. Mary's churchyard is removing the leaves and detritus from the paths, and keeping it a place all can enjoy. A number of our regular sweepers have stepped down through age and injury, and we would love to expand our roster to prevent too much being put on the shoulders of the remaining volunteers, especially now as the leaves start to fall. Only a couple of hours on a Saturday morning every couple of months or so. Please contact Rosie Findlater on rosemary@pfindlater.plus.com

There is a Coming Back to Church survey on our [Online Church](#) page and in the email pewsheet asking for information about how you are feeling about attending church services at the current time. Many thanks to those who have filled in the survey already, we would love more responses.

Please do feedback with your comments.

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

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.

St Mary's charity of the month: [Christian Solidarity Worldwide](#)

CSW is a charity that aims to fight those who are persecuted for their religion – whatever that religion is. They seek to empower communities to advocate justice, peace and tolerance. They work closely with businesses, young people and adults – unlocking potential and helping develop organizations and individuals alike. CSW frequently sends teams of volunteers to document first-hand evidence of suppression of freedom of religion, in order to inform establishments like the United Nations, the European Union and the American Congress. CSW challenges and encourages these institutions and others in power to create lasting change and a more peaceful world. There is religious persecution, especially of Christians, in scores of countries throughout the world. Currently, CSW are campaigning in Myanmar (Burma), India and Sudan. Please pray for those who are persecuted for their faith, and for CSW as they work to help them. You can make a donation at csw.org.uk

Prayer for Christian Solidarity Worldwide

Dear Lord, In countries across the globe different religious communities experience numerous violations at the hands of repressive authorities, dominant religious communities or tribes, or extremist groups. We come together in solidarity to pray for all those affected by religious persecution worldwide and strive to free all communities suffering at the hands of intolerance. Amen