

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

Creator God, give us a heart for simple things;
love and laughter, stories and dreams.
Fill our lives with green and growing hope.
Make us a people of justice, whose song is alleluia
and whose name breathes love.
Amen.

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.

Services on 14th October

8am	Holy Communion BCP	President & preacher: Bishop Richard Harries
10am	Parish Eucharist	President & preacher: Sister Margaret Anne
6pm	Said Evensong	Officiant: Wendy Kyrle-Pope

Collect for 14th October

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Hebrews 4 vv12-end **Gospel:** Mark 10 vv17-31

10am hymns: 453, 649, 787, 725

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

Special Prayers:

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

Those who have recently died: Robert Ward-Jones, John West, Edward Shillington

Anniversaries of death: Anthony Malcolm; Iris Jackson; Norah Buckland; Frank White

This week

Mon to Fri	9.05am	Morning Prayer in the Langton Chapel
Mondays	2.30pm	Sewing group (contact Rosie on 8876 5338)
Thurs 18 th Oct	11.15am	Quiet Time
	12 noon	Holy Communion (CW): President & preacher: Sister Margaret Anne
Sat 20 th Oct	10.30am	Coffee Shop in the Melvill Room
Sun 21 st Oct	8am	Holy Communion BCP: President & preacher: Bishop Richard Harries
21st Sunday after Trinity	10am	Parish Eucharist: President: Rev'd Judith Roberts Preacher: Hayley Argles-Grant
	6pm	Healing & Wholeness: Officiant: Sister Margaret Anne

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Richard's successor as Rector of St Mary's

We are busy working on the process for appointing Richard's successor. Before we can advertise we must be able to tell possible candidates about St Mary's priorities for the future life of the church. And we must set out the qualities we are looking for in our new Rector – which follow from our aspirations. The PCC have already met to begin discussing these questions.

But we need input from all St Mary's congregation. Please come to a short meeting, so we can get **your** ideas about where our priorities lie. Please make a date to be with us at the 10 am service next week, 14 October. Over coffee after the service we will show you the result of our work so far and ask you to tell us what you think. It need not take more than 30 – 40 minutes so your lunch commitments are not under threat!

We are all on this exciting and challenging journey together,
so we need your thoughts and your support. Please don't leave it to others.

Phil Bladen and Fouki Heller, Churchwardens.

A message from Richard & JulieAnn

We would like to express our deep gratitude to everyone for the most amazing farewells on 16th Sept. The services and the reception were so moving for us (and Nathaniel and Eliana) and really showed off the best of St Mary's. Also, we appreciate very much indeed the wonderful gifts that we received and for everyone's generosity. There were also numerous individual cards, messages and gifts given to us personally. Sadly, we won't be able to express our thanks to all these except in these general terms. The large cheque we received means that we will be able to find some interesting local items to make the 'Deanery' in St George's more homely than it is currently. Please do stay in touch and the best email to use is dean@sgcjerusalem.org and visit the College's website to find out more about our mission: www.saintgeorgescollegejerusalem.com

The Autumn Calendar of events is now available at the back of church.

Have you got your tickets to The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe yet?

To commemorate the 120th anniversary of author C.S. Lewis' birth this year, local theatre company Shadow Road are staging a special production of his enchanting children's classic and Christian allegory at St Mary's from Monday 29th October – Saturday 3rd November 2018. This magical play will be directed by Shadow Road's Artistic Director, Emma King-Farlow and the week-long run will be accompanied by a free pre-show talk, delivered by Bishop Richard Harries on Friday 2nd November. Tickets are available online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/shadowroad or in person from the church office between 10am-12pm or 2pm-4pm on weekdays. Should you wish to, you can also make a contribution towards production costs at www.gofundme.com/LWWBarnes2018, which would be most gratefully received!

Richard Harries & Roger McGough:

Thursday 8th November at 7.30pm

Distinguished author Bishop Richard Harries and eminent poet Roger McGough come together on Thursday 8 November at 7.30pm at St Mary's Barnes to debate the themes of Richard's new book *Haunted by Christ - Modern Writers and the Struggle for Faith*. W H Auden, T S Eliot, William Golding, Elizabeth Jennings, C S Lewis, Flannery O'Connor, Stevie Smith. . . these are among some of the great poets and novelists whose struggles with faith finds expression in their works, and whose works have helped countless readers to appreciate the different forms that faith can take in different times and places. In his new book, Richard Harries considers the work of twenty of these writers, painting vivid pictures of their lives and times, and providing us with numerous critically sympathetic insights into the spiritual dimension of their writings. Richard Harries and Roger McGough are both long-term residents of Barnes and this promises to be a fascinating and thought-provoking evening. Books from both authors will be on sale for signing at the event and tickets at £10 are available from Barnes Bookshop or ticketsource.co.uk/stmarybarnes

Church Scrapbook: Jo Teverson has taken over responsibility for keeping the church scrapbook up to date. Please would anyone with news, articles or photos suitable for inclusion in the scrapbook send them to joanna.teverson@yahoo.co.uk or leave them in the Church office. Anything from Jan 2017 onwards. We are all very grateful to Maisie Brown for compiling the scrapbooks so beautifully over many years.

Spare Shed Space: The Bike Sale Team is looking for a shed (or similar) to store second-hand bikes. If you have a lonely space that would like some company, please contact Judy Gowing judygowing@gmail.com

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