

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.

Please pray for all who are involved in the response to the Coronavirus crisis worldwide

Loving God, source of healing and comfort,
fill us with your grace, that the sick may be made whole,
that those who care for us may be strengthened, that the anxious may be calmed,
and those most vulnerable be protected in the power of Spirit
in the faith of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 15th March

8am	Holy Communion (BCP):	President & preacher: Bishop Richard Harries
10am	Parish Eucharist	President & preacher: Rev'd James Hutchings
6pm	NO EVENSONG	Barnes Music Festival: Oliver! performance

Collect for 15th March

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen

First Reading: Exodus 17 vv1-7 **Gospel:** John 4 vv5-42 **10am hymns:** 641, 629, 669, 592

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.

Difficulty in hearing or reading?

There is a hearing loop system in this church. Just switch your NHS hearing aid to the 'T' position. Privately purchased aids may work differently; check your aid instructions. There are also large print service booklets and hymn books. Please ask a sidesperson if you need one.

Special Prayers: Bishop's Lent Appeal 2020

The sick, including Anne White, Monty & Maisie Brown, Sheila Wilson, Isabelle, Beatrice, Christopher Browne, Caroline Browne

Those who have died: Dennis Napier, David Clifford, Archie Beston

Anniversaries of death: Basil Colman, Dick Buttle, Alan Brandon

This week

Mon to Fri	9.05am	Morning Prayer in the Langton Chapel
Mondays	3pm	Sewing group (contact Rosie on 8876 5338)
Thurs 19 th March	11.15am	Quiet Time in the Langton Chapel
	12 noon	Holy Communion (CW): President & preacher: Rev'd Sister Margaret Anne
Sat 21 st March	10.30am	Coffee Shop in the Melvill Room
Sun 22 nd March	8am	Holy Communion (BCP): President & preacher: Rev'd James Hutchings
Mothering	10am	All Age Parish Eucharist: President & preacher: Rev'd James Hutchings
Sunday		<i>First Reading: Colossians 3 vv12-17 Gospel: John 9</i>
	6pm	Barnes Music Festival Choral Evensong: Officiant: Rev'd James Hutchings, preacher: Rev'd Lucy Winkett

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Coronavirus

Following the advice of the Church of England nationally, in turn based on advice from Public Health England, the churchwardens and I have agreed the following measures:

- **Holy Communion will be given with the bread wafers only, not the chalice. Sacramentally this still represents receiving Christ fully in communion. The clergy and servers will use hand sanitiser immediately before any contact with the wafers;**
- **The Peace will be shared not with a handshake. Other means such as a nod of the head, tap of the foot or elbow are all allowable if the other person is happy to do so!**
- **For similar reasons the clergy will not be shaking hands at the end of the service, so as to protect themselves and the congregation.**

Acting on current advice people are still encouraged to come to church, unless they have been asked to self-isolate in accordance with Public Health England guidance, **the latest advice is that anyone with a new/continuous cough or raised temperature should self-isolate for 7 days.** If you are self-isolating please let the church office know (office@stmarybarnes.org or 0208 741 5422), so that we are aware and can offer any support you may need. We are coordinating our response with other organisations in Barnes such as FiSH and the BCA. Please also let us know if you would be interested in helping as a volunteer, either to deliver food to members of the congregation at home, or to act as telephone points of contact for those who are isolated. At the current time FiSH have sufficient volunteers, but in due course they may welcome additional volunteers for support more widely in the community. This is a time when we can all respond practically to the question “who is my neighbour?” by keeping an eye out for those who are in need around us, in the congregation and generally. The church continues to be open for prayer daily. Worshipping together is an important act of solidarity in uncertain times, and it is good to be praying for all who are involved in the crisis.

Rev'd James Hutchings

FiSH: With great reluctance we have taken the decision to postpone our FiSH Sunday celebration which was due to take place this coming Sunday. We feel that the risks from COVID-19 are too great at the current time, bearing in mind the age and frailty of so many of our members. We will reschedule in due course. Meanwhile, we would appreciate your prayers for wisdom as we look at the data and timings each day, rearrange our services where appropriate and endeavour to provide help and support to those most in need.

Review of Giving: James has written a letter about Christian giving to everyone whose details we hold. If you haven't received a letter please take one of the blank envelopes with the same letter enclosed (this means we don't hold your records, please let Cheryl in the church office know your details). The review of giving is part of our programme for Lent. James' sermon regarding this is on the website. Please return the reply form in the letter at one of the services this month, or back to the office by hand or email. Please reply even if you decide to leave your giving unchanged.

Lent home group: Augustine's Life of Prayer, Learning and Love, a book by Cally Hammond, will be the subject of discussion through Lent on five Wednesday mornings 10.30-11.45 at 2 Mill Hill Road, beginning on 4 March. All welcome to join. For more info ring Fiona or Geoffrey Barnett on 8878 6975.

Calling First Aiders!: As part of our risk assessment for church services, it would be helpful to know who is currently trained as a first aider. If you are, could you let Lis Munden know? lismunden@icloud.com

Your chance to quiz the Bishop!

On Sunday 29th March, the Bishop of Southwark is leading our 10am service, and afterwards Bishop Christopher has kindly agreed to take part in a question and answer session. Questions can be about matters of faith and belief, or major ethical issues, or the church, or wider society. Please write your question on one of the reply slips on the church entrance desk, giving your name and contact details and put it in the designated box; or email to office@stmarybarnes.org. We can't guarantee that everyone's question will be taken, but we will group similar ones together.

Barnes Music Festival is now into its second week and all events are going ahead as planned. Today at 6pm sees the performance of **Oliver!** by the Come & Sing choir. At St Mary's on Monday we have **Henry Chandler and John Paul Ekins**, on Wednesday **Alistair McGowan and Charlotte Page** in *Sincerely Noel*, on Thursday **King's College London Choir** *The Cloud Messenger*, on Friday **The Music of Bells** and on Saturday **Barnes Choir**. We also have lunchtime events on Monday with **Drama per Musica** and on Wednesday with **Michael Butten** *guitar*. Tickets on the door, at Chestertons and from www.barnesmusicfestival.com

The festival finishes with **Choral Evensong** next Sunday led by the combined choirs of St Mary's and St Michael's with Revd Lucy Winkett as our preacher. Preceding the Choral Evensong will be a performance by the new **Barnes Young Musician of the Year** Xenia Edwards. Please join us!

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