

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

If you are coming to the church, we will ask for your contact details if we don't already have them, in line with NHS Track and Trace regulations. 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. Those leading service, including readings and prayers are not required to wear face coverings unless they are within 2m of others. The priest will wear a coving for the administration of Holy Communion. 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](#).

75th anniversary of VJ Day (Victory in Japan)

Commemorating the end of the Second World War

Saturday 15 August 2020

10.45 am	Prayers round the War Memorial
11.00 am	National Two Minutes Silence
11.02 am	Tolling of a single church bell 75 times

Prayer for the week

Loving God, you are merciful and forgiving.
Grant that those who are suffering the hurts of the past
may experience your generous love
Heal their memories, comfort them,
and send them all from here renewed and hopeful;
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday services

8am Holy Communion (BCP) led by Rev'd James Hutchings
10am Parish Eucharist: President & preacher: Rev'd James Hutchings
6pm Healing & Wholeness led by Rev'd James Hutchings with Fiona Barnett

Other services and events

Monday-Friday 8.30am: Morning Prayer in the Langton Chapel;
and on [St Mary Barnes Facebook page](#) Monday-Thursday & Saturday
You don't have to be a Facebook member to watch it. You can click 'Not now' when it prompts you to join.
Tuesday 18 August 10.30 am: Pastoral Group
Wednesday 19 August 2.30 pm: Wedding of Kate Robinson and Anthony Dunn
Thursday 20th August 12 noon Holy Communion (CW) led by Rev'd James Hutchings
(I am coffee time not currently possible)
Please note Revd James Hutchings will be taking Mondays off during August.

Collect for 16th August

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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. Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1,6-8

Gospel: Matthew 15.[10-20]21-28

Special Prayers: [Age UK Richmond](#) **The sick**, including Isabelle, Jackie Northen, Jane Thomas, Irene May Wilson, Anne White, Monty & Maisie Brown, Ken Robinson

Anniversaries of death: Lucy Cooper, Angie Forster, Anne Rogers

Those who have died: Janet Skilbeck, Dickie Skilbeck

CHURCH OPEN DAILY FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION

The church continues to be open 9am-5pm. You are asked to clean hands with the sanitizer at the entrance on arrival and departure. A face covering is now required. Please remember to social distance.

Online Church: The Parish Eucharist is recorded and available by early Sunday 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 8.30am 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).

Lockdown Lessons Forum: We had a very good discussion recently. It identified the value of providing space (online and in person) to process everything that has happened, and to plan ahead for the coming months when sadly many may lose their jobs and the challenge of suppressing the virus will continue. Here is the link to a recording [Zoom recording of Lockdown Lessons Forum](#) Password: bK%dI%Ma

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).

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/>

More tea Rector? As lockdown eases somewhat, do let me know if you would like me to visit sometime. I can bring my own mug and flask and chair, and we could chat in a garden or through your window depending on your circumstances or have a socially distanced walk. Monday-Wednesday afternoons are usually available for me at the moment. revdjames@stmarybarnes.org

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

St Mary's charity of the month: [AGE UK Richmond](#). The charity had to shut down activities at our Barnes Green Centre during the Covid-19 lockdown but we hope to start socially distanced activities at the Barnes Green Centre and in the community as soon as they are allowed. Older people are missing their exercise classes! Our Twickenham Centre became the headquarters for distributing food and essentials to those in need across the other side of the Borough. With the amazing generosity of shops, suppliers, our dedicated staff and volunteers we were able to cater for many isolated people. We were able to operate our Telephone befriending service helping many isolated people feel connected in their local communities across Richmond. We were also able to run most of our other services online advising people on their Welfare Benefits, running our essential and respected Hospital from Home and enabling creative new projects online to help the community during the long lockdown. We will give you more information about the future throughout the month. Inevitably this has meant a drop in our donations and grants so please consider supporting us through this difficult transition period from lockdown to an uncertain future for the charitable sector. Our grateful thanks go to our supporters and volunteers and resilient staff throughout the past four months. AGE UK Richmond, Parkway House, East Sheen, SW14 8LS Telephone: 0208 876 3625 <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/richmonduponthames/>

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