

Welcome to St Mary's. We are not able to worship together in public currently but do look at our website and social media @stmarybarnes to keep in touch with us during the Coronavirus crisis. Our pastoral care volunteers have been phoning around the congregation to keep in touch. If you haven't had a call, or would like another, or you don't think we have your number, please let us know. If you have received this pewsheet through your letterbox and have an email address, please let us have one so we can keep in touch with you electronically.

Rogation Sunday

This is the day when by tradition the parish bounds were beaten. This was a practical matter before accurate maps, let alone Google maps, but also a time with the three Rogation days following before Ascension, to pray particularly for protection against calamities and the protection of crops. This year why not use our new freedom to exercise to walk around some or all of the parish, praying for those living there and for deliverance from the pandemic? And you could take a photo of yourself on your walk to send into the office so we have a record of doing this!

The following online services are all available on Revd James Hutchings YouTube channel, which can be found by searching for James Hutchings Barnes in the YouTube search box or by using the web address shown here: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCi26nEN_40x70dOYVcul5KA

8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

10am Parish Eucharist: Intercessions by Lis Munden

6pm Healing & Wholeness Service

The virtual Sunday Club will again be at 11am, and please contact

Revd James to arrange an invitation, his email is revdjames@stmarybarnes.org

Morning Prayer will continue on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/stmarybarnes/> It can either be watched live at 8.30am or anytime later after it finishes. You don't have to be a Facebook member to watch it, you can click 'Not Now' when it prompts you to join.

Collect for 17th May

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

First Reading: Acts 17:22-31

Gospel: John 14:15-21

Special Prayers: Christian Aid **The sick**, including Isabelle (please see note on prayers below)

Anniversaries of death: Patricia Blackburne, Alistair Mackie

Those who have died: Derek Senhenn, June Wright, Gary Garrett, Kathleen Maxwell, Merry Spence

Local Community Support Information

Barnes Cares: is co-ordinated by the Barnes Community Association. For helpful numbers and information regarding prescriptions, food deliveries. <https://www.barnes-ca.org/community-blog/barnescares>

Richmond Council Community Hub: If you or someone you know needs this support, please contact 0208 8716555 or covid19support@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk **Don't forget the Foodbank**, at a time when many are facing hard times. You can donate food by dropping it off to the food bank at the Castelnau Centre, 7 Stillingfleet Road, Barnes SW13 9AQ, 9.15am-11.15am on Friday mornings. The OSO Arts Centre is accepting donations from 10am to 12 noon on all days except Sundays and is cooking about 150 meals each day for the Castelnau Centre. <https://richmond.foodbank.org.uk/>

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Henry Chandler (Director of Music), Jackie Davis & Julie Smith (Children & Youth Workers) are furloughed at the moment.

Thy Kingdom Come

We live in an extraordinary time, and I want to invite you to use the forthcoming season from Ascension to Pentecost (21-31 May) to grow closer to God in prayer. After the first Ascension Day, the disciples gathered with Mary, constantly devoting themselves to prayer while they waited for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Like them, our reliance on the gift of the Holy Spirit is total – on our own we can do nothing. Through the centuries Christians have gathered at that time to pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

'Thy Kingdom Come' picks up this tradition. Archbishop Justin Welby is a leading supporter:

"In praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' we all commit to playing our part in the renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities."

I hope you will access one or more of the following we are offering at St Mary Barnes during this period:

- special Ascension Day Eucharist, available from 6pm on Thursday 21st May, our Sunday services on 24th May and celebrating Pentecost on 31st May
- in addition to our usual service of Morning Prayer, there will be a daily service of Compline (Night Prayer) each evening (available from 6pm)
- daily reflections available through the Church of England <https://www.churchofengland.org>,
- and you can sign up to an app to receive these. There is also a host of resources available
 - to help us in ways to pray at <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/lightuptheworld>
 - I will also distribute some printed resources through
 - as many letterboxes as I can reach over the next few days!

Online Acts of the Apostles

The group continues on Monday 18th May at 2.30pm and the reading is Acts 10:1-16, 34-end

Let Rev'd James know if you'd like to join in. revdjames@stmarybarnes.org

Prayers for the sick: we are making a slight change to those listed for our weekly prayers. When we are praying for someone with long term issues then they will be named on the 1st Sunday each month, while those with more immediate need for prayer will continue on the current basis. You will also notice that Monty and Maisie Brown are no longer on our list, but this is because of a real answer to prayer, as Monty has been told he is truly in remission.

These links have some good and straightforward reflections for prayer and action linked to this Sunday's gospel:

[Roots on the web for Adults](#)

[Roots on the web for Children & Families](#)

Virtual Christian Aid Week

You can view Dr Rowan William's sermon on Christian Aid [here](#)

Donations can be made either via our [Just Giving](#) page

(If you do not want to donate to their administrative costs, just scroll down when they invite you to do so and press 'other'. Then 'continue') or by CAF cheque to our CA Treasurer:

Brian Cleave, 15 Bellevue Road, Barnes SW13 0BJ

Thank you to all who have already given, and to those who took part in our virtual quiz on Monday!

Annual Review online: This week it is the Barnes Team Ministry and their piece can be viewed [here](#).

Church scrapbooks online: just before the lockdown Sarah Cox (ably assisted by Steve Cox) had fortunately started photographing the church scrapbooks which go back more than 40 years. We are going to feature some photos from one year per week at a time, on the [History & Architecture](#) page on our website and on social media. This week we continue with 1981, Rev'd Basil Whitworth dies suddenly, concerns about graves being disturbed during preliminary rebuilding, the bells return from Whitechapel Bell Foundry and are rehung.

An Appeal for help in providing scrubs: I am supporting a local group of volunteers based in and around Putney and Barnes who are sewing to make up scrubs for local hospitals and care homes (there has just been an outbreak in a local care home so they are in desperate need). We have two volunteers who are cutting the patterns ready and they really need any fabric or material that anyone can donate. There may be parishioners sorting out their linen cupboards or those who may be in the arts or interior industries who have spare rolls of fabric that they might offer or sell at cost for this worthy cause. The fabric would need to be washable at 60° so cotton or polycotton would be preferred. Sheila Treadaway 07711 284096 sheilatreadaway@gmail.com

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.