

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

Come, thou long expected Jesus,
Born to set your people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in thee.
Charles Wesley

Services today

8am	Holy Communion BCP	President & preacher: Rev'd Richard Sewell
10am	Parish Eucharist	President: Rev'd Ann Lynes Preacher: Rev'd Richard Sewell
6pm	Healing & Wholeness	Officiant: Rev'd Ann Lynes

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.

Collect for the week

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Gospel: Matthew 1 vv18-end

First Reading: Isaiah 7 vv10-16

Hymns for 10am: 80, 394, 452, 719

Anthem: How beautiful upon the mountains *by Stainer*



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Special Prayers for this week:

St Mary's outward giving projects:

Church Urban Fund: its staff, and the communities its funds support

The sick, including Alastair Mackie, Joan Putz, Alan Mitchell, Marjorie Wing, June Blunt, Imogen Smith, Andrea Walshe, Ferelith Reay

Those who have died: Leonard Lewis; Alan Marchant; Ferelith Reay

Anniversaries of death: Grant Middleton; Peter Juster; Andrew Rutherford; Misha Samilov

This week

Mon to Fri daily	9.05am	Morning Prayer
Mondays	2.30pm	Restarts on 9 th January 2017 (contact Rosie on 8876 5338)
Thursdays	10am	Home group meets for bible/book study at 2 Mill Hill Road. Anyone is welcome (contact Fiona 8878 6975)
Thurs 22 nd Dec	11.15am	Quiet Time
	12 noon	Holy Communion (BCP): President & preacher: Rev'd Ann Lynes
Sat 24 th Dec	10.30am	NO COFFEE SHOP
	3.30 & 5pm	Nativity Services
Sunday	8am	Holy Communion (BCP):
25th Dec		President & preacher: Bishop Richard Harries
Christmas	10am	Parish Eucharist: President: Rev'd Ann Lynes
Day		Preacher: Rev'd Richard Sewell
	11.30am	Informal Service:
		Officiants: Rev'd Richard Sewell & Rev'd Ann Lynes
	6pm	NO EVENSONG

If you will be giving your donation to the church in cash, and you pay tax, please use a Gift Aid envelope. This will enable us to claim an extra 25% from HMRC at no cost to you. Write your full name, address and date on the front of the envelope – this MUST be completed in ink to be valid.

Charity of the week: Church Urban Fund

The proceeds of the Carol Service go, as in past years, to the Church Urban Fund.

The Fund was set up by the Church of England 30 years ago. Currently it has three national programmes, to bring about sustainable change: it helps local communities address hate and prejudice by encouraging different communities to work together to meet local needs; it helps communities ensure that everyone has a safe place to go to find a friendly face, a cup of tea and a conversation; and it helps communities tackle the distress caused by unmanageable personal debt through setting up local support services.

St Mary's Christmas Fair: All the money taken by our Christmas Fair has now been gathered in and the grand total is £6891. This is a superb result and represents an outstanding effort by many of our people who brought their creativity and commercial nous to the enterprise. Special thanks go to Louise Thompson who co-ordinated the Fair. Richard and the PCC would like to express their thanks to everyone involved.

Waiting on God:

Four Advent Prayer Workshops

from 8-9pm in St Mary's Church each Tuesday in Advent
No prior experience necessary. Come as you are.

Tuesday 20th December

Julian of Norwich

Flyers at the back of church.

Rev'd Ann Lynes: It was announced on Sunday 27th November that Rev'd Ann Lynes has been appointed as Vicar of Holy Trinity, Northwood. We are delighted for Ann that at the end of her curacy she has this exciting job to go to but we are very sorry indeed to see her go. Her last Sunday will be January 29th 2017.

Christmas Post: It is a pleasure to report that we have been able to recruit enough volunteers to run this again for Christmas 2016. Deliveries cost 20p per card and a box for items to be posted is at the back of the church next to the "cards for sale". We will continue to deliver up to 23 December. Please note we **cannot** deliver to restricted areas such as blocks of flats and schools.

St Michael's will be holding a service of Lessons and Carols by Candlelight on Sunday 18th December at 6pm. Do join this special service of Christmas Bible readings, much loved carols and beautiful choral anthems. Afterwards, everyone is invited to stay for refreshments.

FiSH Neighbourhood Care would like to wish all its friends and supporters a very Happy Christmas. We invite you to join us for Carols with the FiSH Choir, readings and mince pies on **Tuesday 20th at 11am at Barnes Green Centre, Church Road, Barnes.**
All are welcome.

Barnes Charity Ball 2017 is on Friday 3rd February and there are a few tickets available for this wonderful local event that supports a number of local, national and international charities. Treat yourself to the most exciting formal event in Barnes. To apply for tickets, download the form from the website www.barnescharityball.org and make sure your application is in asap.

Barnes Music Festival 2017 tickets are now on sale for all events from 11 to 26 March 2017.

See www.barnesmusicfestival.com for the latest programme and how to buy tickets online or from Chestertons offices.

Barnes Young Musician

In a new venture for 2017 the Barnes Music Festival and Barnes Music Society are looking to award the title of Barnes Young Musician to a local instrumentalist or pianist. Closing date for applications is January 9th 2017 and the adjudication will be led by Ralph Allwood MBE on the opening day of the Festival in March. Full details and application form can be found on the Music Festival website www.barnesmusicfestival.com



Saturday 24th December:

St Mary's Nativity Services at 3.30pm and 5pm
11.30pm Midnight Communion

Sunday 25th December

8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Christmas Eucharist
11.30am Informal Service

Thursday 29th December

NO MIDDAY SERVICE

Sunday 1st January

8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Christmas Eucharist
6pm Evensong

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

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