

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.

Prayer for the Christian community

We are not people of fear: we are people of courage.

We are not people who protect our own safety:

we are people who protect our neighbours' safety.

We are not people of greed: we are people of generosity.

We are your people God, giving and loving,

wherever we are, whatever it costs

For as long as it takes, wherever you call us.

Barbara Glasson, President of the Methodist Conference

Today's parish eucharist will be available by 10am, and this week Bishop Richard Harries will be preaching. There will also be an online said BCP Evensong which will be available by 6pm, both on Revd James Hutchings YouTube channel, this can be found by searching for James Hutchings Barnes in the YouTube search box or by using the web address shown below:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCi26nEN_40x70dOYVcul5KA

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 but 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!

This week there will be no Morning Prayer on Friday 24th April.

Collect for 19th April

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Reading: Acts 2:14a,22-32 **Gospel:** John 20:19-end

Special Prayers: Castelnau Community Centre **The sick,** including Anne White, Monty & Maisie Brown, Sheila Wilson, Isabelle, Christopher Browne, Caroline Browne, Gary Garrett, William McGowan **Anniversaries of death:** Miles Mallinson **Those who have died:** Archie Best, Beatrice, Bharat Upadhyaya, Eileen Parkhouse, Clive Rust, Leonce Crees, Derek Senhenn, June Wright

Local Community Support Information

Barnes Cares: This is the name being given to all the work being done locally to help those in need and who want to volunteer and is co-ordinated by the Barnes Community Association. If you go to the web address shown below you can see a full list of helpful numbers and information regarding prescriptions, food deliveries and much more. www.barnes-ca.org/community-blog/barnescares

Richmond Council Community Hub set up to co-ordinate the support being offered by the Council and Richmond's many voluntary organisations for residents, particularly those elderly and/or vulnerable without support networks, who need to access medical/care services and food supplies. If you or someone you know needs this support, please contact 0208 8716555 or covid19support@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk This helpline can also be used for other enquiries related to COVID-19, for anyone in need of support.

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.

Easter Season

Sue Adams, our head flower arranger says 'We were so pleased to have such lovely hats and floral arrangements for our Easter gallery collection. A great demonstration of what you can do from your own garden. Some wonderful things, thanks to everyone and particularly the children with their displays and dandelion chains. So good to see what we have around us and what we can decorate with. Obviously, the flower ladies look forward to being back to normal and able to decorate the church again.'

Online Acts of the Apostles

This new group which I will be leading will start on Monday 20th April at 2.30pm, looking each week at a passage from the Acts of the Apostles. This will simply require you to download the Zoom app onto your phone or digital device (no cost). Then let me know if you would like to be invited to take part and I will send you an invitation together with the passage we will look at that week. The format will be to read the passage together, reflect on it silently, then by sharing a word or phrase which strikes us, and then I will introduce a short discussion between us. Please let me know if you would like to take part - if you are unable to take part I am hoping to record the sessions, if I can master the technology!

Email for an invitation to revdjames@stmarybarnes.org

This link has some good and straightforward reflections for prayer and action linked to this Sunday's gospel: www.rootsontheweb.com/adultsathome19apr. That is for adults but there is also a link for children and families: www.rootsontheweb.com/familiesathome19apr.

Online pets blessing!

I was so looking forward to my first service of thanksgiving for pets in Barnes that I will instead lead an online pets blessing at the time planned, 11.45am on Sunday 3rd May. Meeting on Zoom, you can get your pets as near as possible to your device and you can help me bless them, with our old dog Jessie at my side.

Virtual Christian Aid Week

For obvious reasons the usual door to door collection for Christian Aid Week is cancelled as is the Big Breakfast which had been planned. However CA week has gone online, as it is still a vital way of supporting the poorest of communities worldwide, who are also at great risk from the pandemic. Our online service on Sunday 10th May will be linked to the week's themes, and we are also planning to hold an online quiz on Facebook Live for Christian Aid during the week. More details to follow but in the meantime if you want to know more, go to <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week>.

The planned Friends event for a new book by Richard Harries, **Seeing God in Art: the Christian Faith in 30 Images**, has of course had to be postponed. However, the book is now available from Barnes Bookshop. It can be ordered over the phone, [020 8741 0786](tel:02087410786) and Venetia will deliver it to your home free.

Rev'd Sister Margaret Anne is writing Daily Reflections on the Richmond Deanery website, you can see this and other useful resources for reflection and worship at richmondandbarnesdeanery.org.uk

A suggestion from the Bishop of Southwark I would encourage, is that we **say the Lord's Prayer at 1pm and 7pm each day**, knowing that many others will be doing the same.

Churches Together in England have also suggested **lighting a candle in your window each evening**, if safe to do so, as a symbol of Christ's light in our world at this dark time.

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 now also cooking about 150 meals each day for the Castelnau Centre.

Please note that the sound recording of the Radio 4 service broadcast from St Mary's at the end of February is now available on our website in the Faith section, under Sermons and Writings.

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