

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.

Thought for the week

The difference between what we do and what we are capable of doing would suffice to solve most of the world's problems.

Mahatma Gandhi

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 19th January

8am	Holy Communion BCP	President & preacher: Bishop Richard Harries
10am	Parish Eucharist	President: Rev'd James Hutchings, preacher: Geoffrey Barnett
4pm	Christian Unity Service	At the Barnes Methodist Church
6pm	Healing & Wholeness	Officiant: Rev'd James Hutchings

Collect for 19th January

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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 forever.

First Reading: 1 Corinthians 1 vv1-9 **Gospel:** John 1 vv29-42 **10am hymns:** 702, 358, 451, 805

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: Glass Door, the homeless charity

The sick, including Anne White, Monty & Maisie Brown, Sheila Wilson, Isabelle

Those who have died: Alan Mitchell, William Blaise Algar, Susan Gibson, Michael Balfour

Anniversaries of death: Michael Russell, Peter Pitman

Confirmations: Catherine Roe and Hannah Bondi will be confirmed at Southwark Cathedral on Saturday 1st February at 4pm.

This week

Mon to Fri	9.05am	Morning Prayer in the Langton Chapel
Mondays	3pm	Sewing group (contact Rosie on 8876 5338)
Thurs 23 rd Jan	11.15am	Quiet Time in the church
	12 noon	Holy Communion (CWV): President & preacher: Rev'd Sister Margaret Anne
Sat 25 th Jan	10.30am	Coffee Shop in the Melvill Room in aid of Myeloma UK
Sun 26 th Jan	8am	Holy Communion (BCP): President & preacher: Rev'd James Hutchings
Fourth Sunday of Epiphany	10am	Parish Eucharist: President: Rev'd Sister Margaret Anne Preacher: Rev'd James Hutchings <i>First Reading: 1 Corinthians 1 vv10-18 Gospel: Matthew 4 vv12-23</i>
	6pm	Evensong: Officiant: Christabel Gairdner

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Our Charity for January 2020 – Glass Door

Homelessness is an increasing challenge. Our charity this winter month of January is Glass Door (so called after the glass front door of its HQ in the King's Road). Glass Door provides a sustaining evening meal, overnight accommodation and breakfast for homeless people during the winter months, including here in Barnes, and year-round support including laundry, showers, food and advice about accommodation and employment.

St Mary's contribution helps to support this vital work.

Mission in Many Dimensions, Sunday 2 February

11.30am-12.30pm. On this special day of Candlemas, when the baby Jesus was recognised as the 'light of the world', we welcome Rev'd Canon Jay Colwill as our guest preacher. Jay is Canon Missioner at the Cathedral and is also Director of Mission and Evangelism for the Diocese of Southwark and is coming to help us think about how we can grow in mission as individuals and as a church family.

He will preach at the 10am Parish Eucharist and I hope if you can, you will stay on for an extra hour for a talk and discussion he will lead on 'Mission in Many Dimensions'. The purpose is to help us live out our faith in the rest of our lives beyond the church building; how St Mary's can better serve the community of Barnes; and where God might be calling us next as a church family. You will be home in time for lunch and I hope inspired with fresh thinking about living out and sharing God's love!

BBC Radio 4 Sunday Worship live from St Mary's!

I am delighted to let you know that St Mary's is going to host the regular BBC Radio 4 Sunday Worship at 8.10am on Sunday 23rd February. This has been prompted by the success of Anna Hastrup in our choir becoming BBC Young Chorister of the Year, and Anna will sing at the service along with the rest of the church choir. The service will comprise a mix of music and words; I will officiate and Bishop Richard Harries will preach. As it is a live broadcast, members of the congregation will need to be in their seats by 7.45am, and it will finish promptly at 8.50am. Due to these unique circumstances the 8am Holy Communion will not take place that day. I hope that as many members of the usual congregation may come to the radio service. For those wishing to receive Holy Communion, there will be the usual Parish Eucharist taking place at 10am. We will be providing refreshments between the two services for those who would like to be at both.

In light of the preparation needed for the Radio 4 service on Sunday 23rd, we will not have a choral evensong on 9th Feb as planned. Instead I will lead said evensong as usual in the Langton Chapel. The next choral evensong will be at the end of the music festival as planned.

Rev'd James Hutchings

St Michael's Quiz Night, 8th Feb, 7 for 7.30pm,
£15pp incl. fish & chip supper, teams of 8-10,
cash bar. Contact admin@stmichaelbarnes.org

Churchyard sweeping: Our team for keeping the churchyard free of leaves has been a bit depleted by age and people moving away from Barnes. If you are reasonably energetic and would like to help (an hour or so 5-6 times a year on Saturdays), please call Rosie Findlater on 8876 5338.

Church opening hours

St Mary's is situated in the heart of the community in Barnes, and it is lovely to have the church available for quiet prayer and reflection. To enhance this, the PCC and I have agreed to extend the opening hours in future. The church will now be open daily from 9am until 3.30pm. So please come in and enjoy this historic and peaceful place and do let others know about the longer opening hours too. Do let me know if you can offer to man the church for an hour or two weekly or fortnightly. Revd James Hutchings

Barnes Charity Ball 2020 on Friday 7th February with an 80s theme is a great night of champagne, fine dining, music, entertainment, spectacular auction and dancing into the small hours all taking place in St Mary's. There are a few tickets still available - pick up a leaflet at the back of the church or go to barnescharityball.org

Barnes Music Festival 2020 tickets are now on sale. This year's theme is *Musical Journeys* with 35 events at St Mary's and other venues across Barnes from 7th to 22nd March featuring orchestral, choral, opera, instrumental and jazz to suit all tastes. Pick up the new festival brochure at the back of the church. Tickets in person from Chestertons offices and online at barnesmusicfestival.com

Lost Property: it's the time of year when we invite you to reclaim your lost property. A fine array of items including spectacles, water bottles, gloves, scarves, shoes, umbrellas and even car keys are laid out at the back of the church. Please reclaim any which are yours by 3rd February after which they will be donated to a charity shop.

Over 1000 Years of Barnes History: this free booklet which gives a timeline of Barnes history since AD 925 has proved very popular with Barnes residents and visitors and has now been re-printed. If you have not already seen it, please take a copy and give one to your neighbours.

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