

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:

God of righteousness and truth, grant to our Queen, the Government and all in positions of responsibility the guidance of your Holy Spirit.

May they never lead the nation wrongly through love of power, desire to please or unworthy ideals, but laying aside all private interests and prejudices, keep in mind their responsibility to improve the condition of all humanity; so may your kingdom come and your name be hallowed. Amen.

(The House of Commons Prayer)

Services on 19th November

8am	Holy Communion BCP	President & preacher: Sister Margaret Anne
10am	Parish Eucharist	President: Rev'd Richard Sewell
		Preacher: Bishop Richard Harries
6pm	Healing & Wholeness	Officiant: Rev'd Richard Sewell

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 19th November

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5 vv1-11

Gospel: Matthew 25 vv14-30

10am hymns: 648, 356, 57, 27

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

Special Prayers:

St Mary's outward giving projects: Age UK Richmond upon Thames

The sick, including Alastair Mackie, Carole Stratton

Those who have died: Rev'd Trevor Patterson, Mayella Figgis

Anniversaries of death: Patricia Chapman; Robin Durie; Muriel Blain; Alexander Appleton

This week

Mon to Fri	9.05am	Morning Prayer
Mondays	2pm	Sewing group (contact Rosie on 8876 5338)
Thurs 22 nd	11.15am	Quiet Time
Nov	12 noon	Holy Communion (CW): President & preacher: Rev'd Richard Sewell
Sat 25 th Nov	10-3pm	Coffee Shop in the Melvill Room in aid of FiSH Neighbourhood Help
Sun 26 th Nov	8am	Holy Communion BCP: President & preacher: Rev'd Richard Sewell
	10am	Parish Eucharist: President: Rev'd Richard Sewell
		Preacher: Christabel Gairdner
	6pm	Evensong: Officiant: Rev'd Richard Sewell

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Age UK Richmond upon Thames: our charity of the month

Phone: 020 8876 2377 Open: Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm

Age UK Richmond upon Thames is a local independent charity providing services and support for older people across the borough of Richmond.

Our Barnes Green Centre offers a wide range of activities to help improve and maintain health and wellbeing for people over 50 years of age. With over 30 activities on offer every week, including exercise groups, beauty treatments and opportunities to learn new skills, there's something for everyone.

See our website for details www.ageukrichmond.org.uk or pop in to see what's available.

We are very sorry to announce the death of **Mayella Figgis** and our sympathies go to Anthony and his family. There will be a private funeral next week.

Advent Challenge

This Advent, our young people would like to invite everyone to support them in raising money for Under Tree Schools in Southern Sudan. They will be organising a stall at the back of church each Sunday after the 10am service, beginning on 26th November. As well as some home baking, there will be some festive presents for you to buy. All money raised will go to the charity so your support will be much appreciated. Please see Helen Bladen or Charlie for more details.

Hosting the Holy Family in Advent (Posada):

a way of entering the season of Advent is by taking a turn to host a box for 24 hours which contains a beautiful olive wood carving of Mary, Joseph and Jesus. It is then passed from person to person each day at which point hospitality might be shared. It's a wonderful way of helping to make the preparation for Christmas very special. Please sign up on the list at the back of Church to join in. Speak to Rev'd Richard for more details (020 8288 7690).

St Mary's Christmas Cards: It is that time of year again when we need your help to sell Christmas cards for St Mary's. From Monday 20th November we will be selling the cards everyday in the church until the final few days before Christmas. If anyone has a couple of hours to spare between 12.30-2.30pm on weekdays or on Saturdays either at 12.15-1.15pm or 1.15-2.30pm when they could sit in the church and help to sell the cards we would be hugely grateful. If you think you could fill one of the slots on the rota, then please do give Charlie Grainger a ring on 020 8239 8861 or email heron.christmascards@stmarybarnes.org

Calling all children to join the cast of our **Nativity** which is performed on Christmas Eve each year. This time, the play is called, **Gabriel's Big Break** and we will be retelling the Christmas story from the point of view of the angels. There are parts for everyone and rehearsals take place during the 10am. service on Sundays throughout Advent. For more information contact JulieAnn on jascounselling@btinternet.com or Alison on aejmacmillan@gmail.com and do join us on Sunday 19th November when we will be starting casting immediately after the morning service. It promises to be fun!

'The Gift of Christmas' with Virginia McKenna

on 9th December 2017 at 6pm: Sing along with carols, share a drink and mince pie in the interval and celebrate the greatest gift of all, Peace and Goodwill, as Virginia McKenna reads from Michael Morpurgo's "The Best Christmas Present in the World" among other readings from various authors and poets. Tickets from www.ticketsource.co.uk/stmarybarnes

Barnes Music Festival 2018 outline programme has been published. Please pick up a leaflet with all the details and save the dates of 10 - 25 March 2018 for two weeks of wonderful music-making in Barnes.

Barnes Young Musician of the Year 2018

applications are now open to students of Grade 6 standard and above who live, attend school or have their instrumental lessons in Barnes. Go to barnesmusicfestival.com for full details and application form.

Waiting on God – Advent Prayer Workshops Monday 4th December at 8pm

Praying with Evelyn Underhill (20th century English writer) Led by Rev'd Richard Sewell

Monday 11th December at 8pm

Praying with R S Thomas (20th century Welsh poet) Led by Christabel Gairdner

Monday 18th December at 8pm

Praying with St Aidan & St Cuthbert (7th century Celtic saints) Led by Sr Margaret Anne

St Michael & All Angels Barnes is currently undertaking a community audit regarding the uses, facilities and needs relating to its Church Hall on Elm Bank Gardens. If you are or have been a user of the Hall, or live relatively close by, then you are invited to fill out a very brief online survey which can be found in the 'News' section www.stmichaelbarnes.org Responses must be received by Friday 17th November. There is also a community meeting on Monday 27th November at 8pm in the Church Hall when we shall be looking at the audit and other information to which all are welcome.

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