

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.

Advent Reflections

Where am I in the Christmas Story?

Tuesdays 3, 10 and 17 December, 8-9pm in the Langton Chapel
Rev'd James Hutchings will lead with time for quiet prayerful response and concluding with saying Night Prayer (Compline). All are welcome to come along to a quiet space amidst the busyness of preparing for Christmas.

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 1st December

8am	Holy Communion BCP	President & preacher: Rev'd Sister Margaret Anne
10am	Parish Eucharist	President & preacher: Rev'd James Hutchings
4pm	CTiB Advent Carol Service	At St Michael's & All Angels, Elm Bank Gardens
NO EVENSONG AT ST MARY'S		

Collect for 1st December

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 2 vv1-5

Gospel: Matthew 24 vv36-44

10am hymns: 38, 47, 54, 42

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@stmarysbarnes.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: Under Tree Schools in South Sudan

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

Those who have died: Stephen Elkington, Edward Cullinan, June Blunt, Philippa Lloyd

Anniversaries of death: Peggy Langford, Peter Sharrock, Dr Alfred Russell, Paulette Laporte

This week

Mon to Fri	9.05am	Morning Prayer in the Langton Chapel
Mondays	3pm	Sewing group (contact Rosie on 8876 5338)
Thurs 5 th Dec	11am	Refreshments with the Rector in the Melvill Room
	11.15am	Quiet Time in the church
	12 noon	Holy Communion (BCP): President & preacher: Rev'd James Hutchings
Sat 7 th Dec	10.30am	Coffee Shop in the Melvill Room in aid of St Mary's Barnes Scouts
Sun 8 th Dec	8am	Holy Communion (BCP): President & preacher: Bishop Richard Harries
Second of Advent	10am	Parish Eucharist: President: Rev'd Sister Margaret Anne Preacher: Rev'd James Hutchings <i>First Reading: Isaiah 11 vv1-10 Gospel: Matthew 3 vv1-12</i>
	4pm	Christingle Service: Officiant: Rev'd James Hutchings
	6pm	Evensong: Christabel Gairdner

Reading the bible!

✘ Growing in our relationship with God and in our understanding of scripture are inextricably linked. We have bibles in church, and I would encourage you to take one to follow readings and sermons more closely. There aren't enough for every chair, so you will find some on the front desk and bookshelf, and one in each end chair on the nave. Some have seen better days, and the version (NIV) is slightly different from the one at 10am (NRSV);

I hope in due course we can acquire some new ones to replace these.

✘ there are some excellent resources available to help read the bible on a regular basis. These are available either as printed bible reading notes to which you can subscribe, or online. Please let me know if you would like further details, which I would be happy to provide. If you already use such resources and might be willing to help encourage others to do so, please also let me know.

✘ we have two excellent home groups which meet on a regular basis, but there may be demand for creating an additional group for bible study and discussion. I am thinking of whether there might be interest in a group meeting fortnightly, at the church initially.

If you would be interested, please let me know, James

St Mary's Barnes is seeking two people to fill the following: **Part-time Children's work co-ordinator: planning & leading our Sunday morning club (aged 5-11), supporting volunteers & communicating with parents/carers**

Part-time Young People's group leader: planning and leading a Sunday afternoon/evening group of our young people (11+), supporting volunteers & communicating with parents/carers

Hours: 6-8 hours per week for each role, on Sundays and other hours to be agreed. Salary: £24-28k pro-rata, depending on experience. We need these roles to be filled as soon as possible on a short-term contract, to help maintain and nurture our existing activities while we recruit a full-time Children, Youth and Families Worker, which we hope to do during early 2020. These could be great roles for someone with experience and a passion for working with children and young people. You might be someone looking for a few hours to complement another job or childcare, alongside training or as step back into employment. Whatever your situation, I'd love to have a discussion with you if you might be interested in applying. Please contact me, Revd James Hutchings at revdjames@stmarybarnes.org or via the church office 020 8741 5422

Advent home group: Wednesdays 4, 11 and 18 December 10.30-11.45am at 2 Mill Hill Road. Informal discussion linked to three Old Testament readings on the broad topics of Listening, Watching and Waiting. All welcome, for more information, ring Fiona or Geoffrey Barnett on 8878 6975

Our numbers at **Sunday Coffee** after the 10am service have mushroomed of late and we need extra baristas. If you can help either with the setting up or the serving can you let me know please. Claire Boyling (claire.boyling@gmail.com or 07906 707631)

St Mary's Christmas Cards are now on sale. The church will be open from 10.30am to 2.30pm, volunteer helpers willing. Please email Charlie if you want to offer a shift. christmascards@stmarybarnes.org

Nativity Services 3.30 and 5pm on Christmas Eve:

If you wish your children to participate or want to offer help, then please contact Alison Macmillan on aejmacmillan@gmail.com

Annual Human Rights Day Vigil

Tuesday Dec 10th @ St Michael and All Angels
8 pm in the Lady Chapel
(small door in Elm Bank Gardens)

Cards for Good Causes is open again at the Methodist Church for Christmas cards, Advent calendars and gifts. Hours are 10-4 Monday to Saturday. All profits to the charities participating.

Local family-support charity, **Home-Start Richmond, Kingston & Hounslow** invite you to join them for carols and warming festive refreshments kindly provided by Rick Stein Barnes, this **Wednesday, 4 December at St Mary's**. This merry and family-friendly evening will feature a special performance by the choir from **St Osmund's Primary School**, joyous young musical performances and Barnes residents as guest readers including: Joe Fattorini, presenter, Howard Goodall CBE, composer and broadcaster, Jenny Hughes, awarded BEM and ex FiSH Director, Deborah James, aka Bowel Babe, Karen Inglis, children's author, Nicki Urquhart, Chairman, BCA. Tickets priced at **£20 each** (including festive refreshments kindly provided by **Rick Stein Barnes**), students £10 each and free entry for under 15's. You can buy tickets on the door or from our kind sponsor **Carter Jonas** at 70 White Hart Lane, SW13 0PZ. For further information, contact Home-Start on 020 8487 8500 or info@homestart-rkh.org.uk

Doors open at 7pm.

All money raised will go towards supporting local children and families experiencing difficulties in the London Boroughs of Richmond, Kingston and Hounslow.

Missing People Carol Service, Monday 9th

December, 6.30pm at St Martin's in the Fields, £20 donation for tickets.

www.missingpeople.org.uk/christmascarols

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