

Welcome to St Mary's. We are delighted that church services have resumed. As requested by the Department for Health and Social Care, we will keep your details safely and in compliance with GDPR legislation for 21 days before securely disposing of or deleting them. We will only share your details with NHS Test and Trace, if asked, in the event that it is needed to help stop the spread of coronavirus. We will not use your details for any other purposes or pass them on to anyone else.

Please download the NHS Covid-19 App on your phone so that you can scan the unique QR code we now have on posters throughout the church. You will need to do this each time you attend St Mary's Barnes. This is in addition to signing in with the sidespeople on the front desk. Along with using the provided hand sanitiser and maintaining social distancing, **wearing a face covering** is now mandatory, unless you are exempt for medical reasons. Please do not attend if you are experiencing any symptoms.

Those leading services, including readings and prayers are not required to wear face coverings unless they are within 2 metres of others. The priest will wear a covering for the administration of Holy Communion. Please do not attend if you are experiencing any Coronavirus symptoms. We will continue to put services [online](#) for those unable to come to church.

Prayer for the week

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

8am Holy Communion (BCP) led by Rev'd James Hutchings

10am All Age All Saints Parish Eucharist: President & preacher: Rev'd James Hutchings

The Choral Scholars will be singing live this Sunday

6pm All Souls' Service

Officiant: Rev'd James Hutchings

Other services and events

Morning Prayer 8.45am Monday-Friday in the Langton Chapel. You can join Morning Prayer live on Facebook www.facebook.com/stmarybarnes/ at 8.45am or anytime after it ends.

Thursday 5th November 12 noon Holy Communion (BCP) led by Rev'd Sister Margaret Anne

Collect for 1st November 2020

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Ephesians 1:11-end **Gospel:** Matthew 5:1-12

Special Prayers: [FiSH Neighbourhood Care](#)

The sick, including Isabelle, Irene May Wilson, Anne White, Monty & Maisie Brown, Liz Fergusson, Barry Kay, Georgie Walmsley, David Delaforce, Tony Dundas

Anniversaries of death: Dr Hazel Russell, Rev'd Professor Raymond Chapman

St Mary's charity of the month: Early in lockdown, FiSH was given a donation of 10 sacks of potatoes by Henry's Fish Bar in East Sheen. This was quickly followed by a generous donation of food items from Waitrose and other local shops. FiSH volunteers with a catering background began cooking homemade ready meals and between March and August over 1800 meals were delivered to people in Barnes, Mortlake and East Sheen. When the meals stopped, the cream teas began and FiSH are now delivering tea boxes containing scones, jam, cream and cake on a weekly basis. Over 750 have gone out so far, thanks to the generosity of our volunteer bakers. Each box goes out with a label saying 'With love from FiSH' and each box reminds the recipient that they are not alone and there the local community cares.

If you can help, please download an application form from the FiSH website: www.fishhelp.org.uk

More info from Judy Gowing who is always happy to talk about FiSH!

CHURCH OPEN DAILY FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION

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You are asked to clean hands with the sanitizer at the entrance on arrival and departure.

Please remember to social distance.

Church closed daily temporarily

We have regrettably suspended our usual daily opening due to concerns from the police and other churches about a potentially disruptive individual. We are still open for services and pre-arranged events.

We hope to return to normal hours from Monday 2nd November or as soon as possible thereafter.

Online Church: The Parish Eucharist is recorded and available by early afternoon on the St Mary's YouTube channel, which can be found by using the web link shown here: [YouTube](#) It can also be found on the [Online Church](#) page on our website, where you will also find links to Morning Prayer, other services, music and children's resources and photo gallery. You can join Morning Prayer live on Facebook www.facebook.com/stmarybarnes/ at 8.45am or anytime after it ends.

You don't have to be a Facebook member to watch it (just click 'not now' when it prompts you to join).

Text Giving: To donate to support the maintenance and work of St Mary's, text STMARYBARNES to 70450, adding the amount you wish to give (i.e. to donate £5 text STMARYBARNES5/ for £10 text STMARYBARNES10 and so on). Texts cost your donation plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text STMARYBARNESNOINFO to 70450 adding the amount as above (i.e. £5 STMARYBARNESNOINFO5).

Church scrapbooks: will be featured on the [History & Architecture](#) page on the website and social media.

Parish Support Fund: The way the Church of England parishes support ministry and mission is through a pooled budget called the Parish Support Fund. As one of the parishes with the greatest capacity to give, St Mary's is voluntarily giving £180,000, which pays not only for our own ministry here, but also for the equivalent of parishes with another 1.5 vicars elsewhere in the diocese. As you know, Southwark is very diverse, and many parishes would be without a vicar if they had to fund all their costs locally. It is right and biblical that we do this, just as St Paul encouraged the Corinthians to support other Christian communities in need. Your generous giving enables the PCC to do this, and for the diocese to work together as a family, so thank you.

We are starting a new **Tuesday service** for pre-school age children and their parents and carers. This will start on 10th November at 10am. It will be Covid-19 regulation compliant, but also fun and interactive!

There will be music, story, an activity and prayers. Please contact Jackie at children@stmarybarnes.org if you would like to come or know more.

Barnes Charity Bike Sale

We obviously haven't been able to run our annual Bike Sale on Barnes Fair Day this year, but James, our ace mechanic, has still been busy repairing and renovating bikes. If you are in the market for a bike, please contact bikes@stmarybarnes.org with an idea of what you are looking for (road/mountain/shopper/etc) and your phone number.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL AT ST MARY'S: Local theatre company [Shadow Road](#) - responsible for numerous excellent productions at St Mary's, including 2018's [The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe](#) - are bringing Emma King-Farlow's uplifting adaptation of the classic Christmas tale by Charles Dickens to St Mary's in late November, both to mark the start of Advent and to raise money to stage C.S. Lewis's [The Voyage of the Dawn Treader](#) here in January. All performances will be socially distant and Covid-secure, with audience members being seated in households and no tickets sold on the door. In the event of cancellation due to any further changes in government policy, all tickets will be refunded. Dates: Friday 20th November, Saturday 21st November & Thursday 26th November at 7.30pm; and Sunday 29th November at 5.30pm. Tickets: Adults £15, Children £10 - available from www.ticketsource.co.uk/shadowroad

Barnes BookFest: November 7th & 8th Next weekend sees the launch of the inaugural [Barnes BookFest](#) a collaboration between the [Barnes Bookshop](#), the [Friends of St Mary's Barnes](#), the [Barnes Literary Society](#) and organiser Anne Mullins. In a weekend of talks and screenings some of Britain's best writers will be giving an insight into the way they work and the subjects that fascinate them. Writers include Andrew Graham Dixon, Gyles Brandreth, Michael Morpurgo, Simon Heffer, Richard Harries and Edwin Mullins. Latest news is that they will be joined by singer and presenter Aled Jones to talk about his new book *Everyday Blessings* with extracts from his new album accompanying the book. We look forward to welcoming you to this literary extravaganza next weekend in the Covid-safe environments of St Mary's Church and Olympic Cinema. Information and tickets from Barnes Bookshop and barnesbookfest.com

Sunday November 8th at 4pm: Richard Harries will discuss 'Love and Faith in T S Eliot' Followed by a signing of his latest books: *Haunted by Christ: Modern Writers and the Struggle for Faith* and *Seeing God in Art: The Christian Faith in 30 Images* at St Mary's Church, Barnes

Online Christian Meditation Group: An invitation is extended to anyone from this parish who would like to join an online group of people practising Christian meditation. No previous experience is necessary. The group initially formed from members of the St Anne's Church in Kew, but since the practice has been offered online it now includes Christians from across the country and others seeking a nourishing and contemplative practice which leads to inner peace and a sense of calm and well-being. It is led by David Boddy, an experienced Meditator and member of the St Anne's community. The group meets online at 7am on Friday mornings and concludes around 7.50am. If you would like to try a session, please email the group administrator Suzie Oweiss at soweiss@tutordoctor.co.uk, copying in David at dj.boddy@gmail.com. For further information you can contact Paul Palmarozza, a member of St Mary's parish, at pppalmarozza@gmail.com. You will be very welcome.

Eleanor Bunyard, the Home Manager of [Viera Gray House](#) is appealing for donations, she says, 'Due to the restrictions of visiting in care homes, we have to ensure we are Covid-19 safe when planning. Now that the winter is slowly approaching, the current visits in the garden will stop, as will the visits in the small outside gazebo. We have thought about purchasing a garden house so we can hold visits in that and the conservatory but this comes with great cost and exceeds what we can afford with the current budget so high from PPE expenditure.' Celia Cleave of The Friends of Viera Gray says, 'We have decided to put the funds we have in our account, just under £1,300 towards this appeal from the Home (if the building is not erected, our grant is to be used for activities for the residents to be agreed with us). Eleanor is very determined to erect this building. She has some money given to the Home by relatives but even with our grant, they will only have raised approximately half of what is needed to buy a very basic building.' Eleanor needs to raise £5,000 to purchase a garden house and she has set up a [JustGiving page](#) for donations. There is no need to pay towards JustGiving administrative costs; just press 'other' when asked to do so. Please help if you can.

Proposal for new memorial: The PCC is seeking diocesan approval to add a new memorial in the church, as below. As part of the diocesan process they are consulting the congregation as required, for 28 days from 2 November. If you would like to see more detail, please email peterboyling@blueyonder.co.uk, to get access to the plans. You may send an objection to the proposal to the diocese. The proposal is to install an oval-shaped wall mounted monument commemorating the Hoare family of Barn Elms, to be fixed on the north wall of the Langton chapel. It would be made of a slab of Hopton Wood stone, with coloured lettering and gilded bordering. The current central opening in the north wall would be infilled and the wall redecorated. The description is in the application for a faculty dated February 2020, prepared by Daniel Martin, surveyor, two elevation drawings, as existing and as proposed, and a full size drawing of the proposal's design and final wording. The proposal comes from the Hoare family who were major benefactors of the parish in the eighteenth century, and whose previous memorial in the church was destroyed in the 1978 fire. The family was associated with the Hoare Bank. Research carried out into the family history indicates that the family were not associated with slavery. The family would fund all the costs of the work.

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.