

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. 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. We will continue to put services [online](#) for those unable to come to church. Full details of our plans for services can be found [here](#).

Prayer for the week

We plough the fields, and scatter the good seed on the land;
But it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand:
He sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.
All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above,
Then thank the Lord. O thank the Lord for all His love.

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

In order to assist the sidesmen as they record information for track and trace purposes, it would be very helpful if you can arrive a few minutes earlier than normal if you are coming to the 10am service.

10am All Age Harvest Festival Eucharist: President & preacher: Rev'd James Hutchings

The Choral Scholars will be singing live this Sunday

11.45am Informal Service with baptisms: Officiant: Rev'd James Hutchings

6pm Healing & Wholeness led by 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. You don't have to be a Facebook member to watch it (just click 'not now' when it prompts you to join).

Thursday 24th September 12 noon Holy Communion (BCP) led by Rev'd James Hutchings
(11am coffee time not currently possible)

Collect for 20th September

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Luke 12:16-30 **Gospel:** Matthew 20.1-16

Special Prayers: [Christian Solidarity Worldwide](#)

The sick, including Isabelle, Jackie Northen, William McGowan, Jane Thomas, Irene May Wilson, Anne White, Monty & Maisie Brown, Liz Fergusson

Anniversaries of death: Betty Gravestock, Margaret Sharp **Those who have died:** Janice Fox

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CHURCH OPEN DAILY FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION

Welcome to St Mary's, whether you are joining us in the church or online.

If you are coming to the church, we will ask for your contact details if we don't already have them, in line with NHS Test and Trace regulations. 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. 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. The church continues to be open 9am-5pm. You are asked to clean hands with the sanitizer at the entrance on arrival and departure. Please remember to social distance.

Online Church: The Parish Eucharist is recorded and available by lunchtime on the St Mary's YouTube channel, which can be found by using the web link shown here: [YouTube](#)

We are trying a new format by recording just from the Collect to the Peace. This includes all the essentials of the service including the anthem, except communion itself, and will be about 25 minutes long. It makes it quicker and easier to upload. 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).*

Harvest Festival: On **20th September**, we will have a short all-age Eucharist at 10am to celebrate Harvest. Jackie Davis, our Children's Worker says: This week at St Mary's is our Harvest Festival. This will be a service of thanks that is suitable for all. Please do bring donations of non-perishable items for donation to those in need if you would like. The service will also include a 'backpack' blessing. At a time where many are returning to school, work, or carrying on with the 'new normal' at home, Rev'd James will be blessing school bags, laptop cases or any items that you use regularly – make sure you bring them along!

New zoom study group, starting 21st September

Our new group will look at some readings for the season of "creationtide". During September and October, the Church of England, encourages us to focus on God as creator and sustainer of all life. Each week we will look at a bible reading on this theme, and discuss it in a similar way to our recent groups on Acts and Philippians.

Our group will meet online at 2.30pm for an hour for 5 weekly sessions, from Monday 21st September to Monday 19th October inclusive. If you would like to join please let me know, and I will send you the zoom invitation a few days before. If you want to get ahead the full resources are on this link

[Creationtide Discussion Materials](#)

You will see that each week a number of readings, biblical and other, are given, and you might like to choose one each day, but this is an optional extra. I will choose one for our group discussion and compose some questions of my own. I encourage those who have not previously taken part to give it a go too - it is an excellent way to grow in your faith and to join with others in doing so. *Rev'd James*

Jackie Davis & Julie Smith, our Children's and Youth Workers, have posted some videos and activities for the month of August: <https://www.stmarybarnes.org/children-teens/>

Learning from the lockdown: A series of contributions on this theme continues this week with a Lockdown Reflection from Julie Smith and is on our [News](#) page. The reflections are from a variety of people on how they experienced lockdown in their context and any lessons that might be learned for us locally and further afield in the future. I have invited a number of people to contribute but if you would like to share your story, please let me know. revdjames@stmarybarnes.org

[Sleep Out to Give Others Shelter](#)

Glass Door Homeless Charity will be hosting its annual Sleep Out (or in) on 2nd October 2020. I'm planning to do it again in Duke of York Square, and I'm hoping others will join me this year, possibly including a group of our teenagers and Julie our youth worker. I am hoping to raise at least £500 for this vital work. If you aren't able to join me for the sleepout I would be grateful for any donation you can make, either via this link <https://www.glassdoor.org.uk/fundraisers/james-hutchings-sleep-out-or-in-fundraising-page>, or by cheque made payable to Glass Door via the parish office. Many thanks.

For the first time this year, all participants will have the option to join the event remotely if they wish. But everyone will still be joining together as a Sleep Out community online.

Glass Door works to support and shelter those in our community who are at absolute crisis point. Glass Door welcomes everyone as a guest, giving them stability before helping them make the necessary steps to move off the streets for good. The charity has remained open to help those facing homelessness throughout the

pandemic and is committed to finding ways to ensure that individuals in need can find safe shelter and a warm welcome this winter and beyond. With a quarter of a million people at risk of losing their tenancy in coming months (according to Shelter), Glass Door's services will be needed more than ever over this next year. "The rise in homelessness is a scandal, and we will continue to do all we can to get people off the streets and into shelters. But we can't do it alone," says Rev Brian Leathard, chair of trustees at Glass Door and Rector at St Luke's and Christ Church, Chelsea. This year, there is one event, but many ways to get involved.

The choice is yours:

Option 1: Sleep In... your garden, car, own home on the floor, or anywhere that's creative but safe.

Option 2: Sleep Out... at Duke of York Square (Government guidelines and permission permitting).

Option 3: Sleep In... small socially distanced groups at a location of your choosing – e.g. in a friend's garden.

I will also assess if we could do a sleep out in the church grounds.

To register or find out more, let me know and please visit www.glassdoor.org.uk

or call the charity on 020 7351 4948. revdjames@stmarybarnes.org

Appeal from the Barnes Community Association. We need your help.

Following last week's widely-reported protest meeting, the Broken Bridge Broken London pressure group has started a petition asking the Government to fund either a new bridge or repairs for Hammersmith bridge:

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/549607>

Within the first 72 hours it was signed by over 15,000 supporters. This means that now the Government must respond. However, in order for the issue to be considered for a debate we need to have 100,000 signatures. Please sign the petition using the link above. Then forward the link to your relatives, friends and business contacts asking them to do likewise. We also need the issue to go viral on social media and alert the powers that be to our plight. So, if you use Twitter, please tweet the following message:

Hammersmith Bridge is Broken:

*For 1000's of schoolchildren, elderly and commuters,
our community has been robbed of its main artery.*

A simple walk, cycle or bus journey is now lengthy, arduous and even dangerous. #hammersmithbridge needs fixing now. @grantshapps #giveusabridge #brokenbridgebrokenlondon

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 our website and on social media.

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.

St Mary's charity of the month: [Christian Solidarity Worldwide](#)

CSW is a charity that aims to fight those who are persecuted for their religion – whatever that religion is.

They seek to empower communities to advocate justice, peace and tolerance. They work closely with businesses, young people and adults – unlocking potential and helping develop organizations and individuals alike. CSW frequently sends teams of volunteers to document first-hand evidence of suppression of freedom of religion, in order to inform establishments like the United Nations, the European Union and the American Congress. CSW challenges and encourages these institutions and others in power to create lasting change and a more peaceful world. There is religious persecution, especially of Christians, in scores of countries throughout the world. Currently, CSW are campaigning in Myanmar (Burma), India and Sudan. Please pray for those who are persecuted for their faith, and for CSW as they work to help them.

You can make a donation at csw.org.uk

Prayer for Christian Solidarity Worldwide

Dear Lord, In countries across the globe different religious communities experience numerous violations at the hands of repressive authorities, dominant religious communities or tribes, or extremist groups. We come together in solidarity to pray for all those affected by religious persecution worldwide and strive to free all communities suffering at the hands of intolerance. Amen