

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

Grant to us, O Lord, fullness of faith, firmness of hope and fervency of love.

For the sake of the gospel may we sit loosely to our wealth and daily embrace you in the poor of the world. As we rejoice in your generosity so may we give ourselves in the service of others; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

(Sir Thomas More)

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 21st October

8am	Holy Communion BCP	President & preacher: Bishop Richard Harries
10am	Parish Eucharist	President: Rev'd Judith Roberts
		Preacher: Hayley Argles-Grant
6pm	Healing & Wholeness	Officiant: Sister Margaret Anne

Collect for 21st October

Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

First Reading: Hebrews 5 vv1-10 **Gospel:** Mark 10 vv35-45

10am hymns: 754, 628, 823, 358

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

Special Prayers:

The sick, including Anne White, Shelagh Mitchell, Dorothea Jackson, Iain Radford

Those who have recently died: Robert Ward-Jones, John West, Edward Shillington

Anniversaries of death: Frank White

This week

Mon to Fri	9.05am	Morning Prayer in the Langton Chapel
Mondays	2.30pm	Sewing group (contact Rosie on 8876 5338)
Thurs 25 th Oct	11.15am	Quiet Time
	12 noon	Holy Communion (BCP): President & preacher: Father Stephen Stavrou
Sat 27 th Oct	10.30am	Coffee Shop in the Melvill Room
Sun 28 th Oct	8am	Holy Communion BCP: President & preacher: Sister Margaret Anne
22nd Sunday after Trinity	10am	Parish Eucharist: President: Bishop Richard Harries
		Preacher: Geoffrey Barnett
	6pm	Evensong: Officiant: Christabel Gairdner

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Christmas Fair: Saturday 17th November 10am – 3pm at Kitson Hall

It's Half Term and it's only 2 months until Christmas so a great time to have a clear out at home - as we need your donations. We have placed a box at the back of church to collect items for the Christmas Fair. We need BOTTLES of wine or soft drink for the Tombola as well as BRIC A BRAC items. We are also after any RAFFLE or SILENT AUCTION prizes that you are able to offer. Finally, a request for your homemade MARMALADE given how popular this was last year. You can bring these in and place them in the box (we will then store them safely) or you can contact Kate Cowell (kate.cowell@gmail.com). Many thanks.

All Souls Service – 4th November at 6pm

There is a list at the back of church where you may add names of loved ones who have passed away so that they may be remembered at the All Souls service.

Have you got your tickets to The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe yet?

To commemorate the 120th anniversary of author C.S. Lewis' birth this year, local theatre company Shadow Road are staging a special production of his enchanting children's classic and Christian allegory at St Mary's from Monday 29th October – Saturday 3rd November 2018. This magical play will be directed by Shadow Road's Artistic Director, Emma King-Farlow and a free pre-show talk will be delivered by Bishop Richard Harries on Friday 2nd November. Tickets are available online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/shadowroad or in person from the church office between 10am-12pm or 2pm-4pm on weekdays. Should you wish to, you can also make a contribution towards production costs at www.gofundme.com/LWWBarnes2018, which would be most gratefully received!

Richard Harries & Roger McGough: Thursday 8th November at 7.30pm

Distinguished author Bishop Richard Harries and eminent poet Roger McGough come together on Thursday 8 November at 7.30pm at St Mary's Barnes to debate the themes of Richard's new book *Haunted by Christ - Modern Writers and the Struggle for Faith*. W H Auden, T S Eliot, William Golding, Elizabeth Jennings, C S Lewis, Flannery O'Connor, Stevie Smith. . . these are among some of the great poets and novelists whose struggles with faith finds expression in their works, and whose works have helped countless readers to appreciate the different forms that faith can take in different times and places. In his new book, Richard Harries considers the work of twenty of these writers, painting vivid pictures of their lives and times, and providing us with numerous critically sympathetic insights into the spiritual dimension of their writings. Richard Harries and Roger McGough are both long-term residents of Barnes and this promises to be a fascinating and thought-provoking evening. Books from both authors will be on sale for signing at the event and tickets at £10 are available from Barnes Bookshop or ticketsource.co.uk/stmarybarnes

Church Scrapbook: Jo Teverson has taken over responsibility for keeping the church scrapbook up to date. Please would anyone with news, articles or photos suitable for inclusion in the scrapbook send them to joanna.teverson@yahoo.co.uk or leave them in the Church office. Anything from Jan 2017 onwards. We are all very grateful to Maisie Brown for compiling the scrapbooks so beautifully over many years.

Barnes Music Festival 2019: programme for the festival has now been released - please pick up a leaflet with details at the back of the church

Barnes Charity Ball "Arabian Nights" on Friday 8th February 2019 tickets are now available at www.jumblebee.co.uk/thearabiannightsball

Spare Shed Space: The Bike Sale Team is looking for a shed (or similar) to store second-hand bikes. If you have a lonely space that would like some company, please contact Judy Gowing judygowing@gmail.com

Cards for Good Causes on sale at Barnes

Methodist Church: Trading dates are Friday 26th October to Saturday December 15th. We are open 10am to 4pm every day except Sunday, the first two Saturdays just open 10am to 1pm.

Flower Arrangers Team: We are hoping to recruit more people to join the flower arranging team. If you are interested, please do contact Sue Adams on sue.adams@btinternet.com

Friends of St Mary's Annual Report was published at the Annual Choral Evensong on 7th October and copies are available at the back of the church and on the St Mary's website www.stmarybarnes.org

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. If you have any difficulty speak to the Churchwardens or the Church Office.

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