

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. If you are able, wearing a face covering to services is strongly encouraged. 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

Dearest Lord, teach me to be generous;  
Teach me to serve thee as thou deservest;  
To give and not to count the cost,  
To fight and not to seek for rest,  
To labour and not to seek reward,  
Save that of knowing that I do thy will.  
*St. Ignatius Of Loyola*

8am Holy Communion (BCP) led by Rev'd James Hutchings  
10am Parish Eucharist: President: Rev'd James Hutchings, Preacher: Geoffrey Barnett  
6pm Evensong led by Christabel Gairdner

### Other services and events

Morning Prayer 8.30am Monday-Friday in the Langton Chapel; and on [St Mary Barnes Facebook page](#) Monday-Thursday & Saturday (Please note Rev'd James Hutchings will be taking Mondays off during August)  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August 12 noon Holy Communion (BCP) led by Rev'd James Hutchings  
(I am coffee time not currently possible)

### Collect for 23<sup>rd</sup> August

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**First Reading:** Romans 12 vv1-8 **Gospel:** Matthew 16 vv13-20

**Special Prayers:** [Age UK Richmond](#) **The sick,** including Isabelle, Jackie Northen, William McGowan, Jane Thomas, Irene May Wilson, Anne White, Monty & Maisie Brown  
**Anniversaries of death:** Jo Sullam **Those who have died:** Janet Skilbeck, Dickie Skilbeck

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](mailto:safeguarding@stmarybarnes.org) or the Church Office on 0208 741 5422.

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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 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/](http://www.facebook.com/stmarybarnes/) at 8.30am 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).*

**Learning from the lockdown:** A series of contributions on this theme continues this week with a Lockdown Reflection from Cathy Putz 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](mailto: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. You'll see below there are different ways to join in this year.

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](http://www.glassdoor.org.uk) or call the charity on 020 7351 4948. [revdjames@stmarybarnes.org](mailto:revdjames@stmarybarnes.org)

**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).

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/>

There is a Coming Back to Church survey on our [Online Church](#) page and in the email pewsheets asking for information about how you are feeling about attending church services at the current time. Please do feedback with your comments.

**More tea Rector?** As lockdown eases somewhat, do let me know if you would like me to visit sometime. I can bring my own mug and flask and chair, and we could chat in a garden or through your window depending on your circumstances or have a socially distanced walk. Monday-Wednesday afternoons are usually available for me at the moment. [revdjames@stmarybarnes.org](mailto:revdjames@stmarybarnes.org)

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

**St Mary's charity of the month:** [AGE UK Richmond](#). The charity had to shut down activities at our Barnes Green Centre during the Covid-19 lockdown but we hope to start socially distanced activities at the Barnes Green Centre and in the community as soon as they are allowed. Older people are missing their exercise classes! Our Twickenham Centre became the headquarters for distributing food and essentials to those in need across the other side of the Borough. With the amazing generosity of shops, suppliers, our dedicated staff and volunteers we were able to cater for many isolated people. We were able to operate our Telephone befriending service helping many isolated people feel connected in their local communities across Richmond. We were also able to run most of our other services online advising people on their Welfare Benefits, running our essential and respected Hospital from Home and enabling creative new projects online to help the community during the long lockdown. We will give you more information about the future throughout the month. Inevitably this has meant a drop in our donations and grants so please consider supporting us through this difficult transition period from lockdown to an uncertain future for the charitable sector. Our grateful thanks go to our supporters and volunteers and resilient staff throughout the past four months. AGE UK Richmond, Parkway House, East Sheen, SW14 8LS Telephone: 0208 876 3625  
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