

# 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2020 Sunday next before Lent

To inspire
hearts and minds
to serve
the mission of God

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.

And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

Ephesians 4 v32

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 23<sup>rd</sup> February

8.10am BBC Radio 4 Sunday Worship Officiant: Rev'd James Hutchings

Live from St Mary's featuring Preacher: Bishop Richard Harries
Anna Haestrup, Radio 2 Young Director of Music: Henry Chandler
Chorister of the Year singing There will be refreshments after this service.

with St Mary's Choir

10am Parish Eucharist President: Rev'd Sister Margaret Anne

Preacher: Geoffrey Barnett
Officient: Christabel Cairdee

6pm Evensong Officiant: Christabel Gairdner

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

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Reading: 2 Peter | vv|6-2| Gospel: Matthew | 17 vv| -9 | 10am hymns: 533, 281, 238, 728

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.

### 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: Castelnau Community Centre Project

The sick, including Anne White, Monty & Maisie Brown, Sheila Wilson, Isabelle, Beatrice Anniversaries of death: Gwen Chadwick, Dee Buttle, Derek Wheaton, Robert Hargreaves

This week			
Mon to Fri	9.05am	Morning Prayer in the Langton Chapel	
Mondays	3pm	Sewing group (contact Rosie on 8876 5338)	
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	12 noon	Service of Ashing: President & preacher: Rev'd James Hutchings	
Ash Wed	& 8pm	Hymns; 121, 127, 135, 132	
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.30am	Coffee Shop in the Melvill Room in aid of Castelnau Centre Project	
Sun Ist March	8am	Holy Communion (BCP): President & preacher: Rev'd James Hutchings	
First of Lent	I 0am	Parish Eucharist: President: Bishop Richard Harries	
		Preacher: Rev'd James Hutchings	
		First Reading: Romans 5 vv   2-19 Gospel: Matthew 4 vv   -	
	11. <del>4</del> 5am	Informal Service with baptisms: Officiant: Rev'd James Hutchings	
	6pm	Evensong: Officiant: Geoffrey Barnett	

## **Castelnau Community Centre Project**

At the core of the work undertaken by the Castelnau Community Centre, to whom we apply our charitable focus this month, is the topic of mental wellbeing. The NHS refers to the '5 steps to mental wellbeing', giving them a try can help people feel happier, more positive and able to get the most from life. Simon Roach, Centre Director says, 'so much of what we do here is about the 5 steps, helping people connect, be active, keep learning, give to others and be mindful, following the steps really can have a positive impact!'.

**Advice on Communion:** There is no advice from government or the Church of England that we should stop using the chalice during Communion. However, if you have a cough or cold may I encourage you to receive the bread only? Please do not dip your wafer into the wine as this could transmit infections. If you have a cold it is also best to exchange the Peace verbally rather than with a handshake or other physical contact.

**Children, Youth and Families:** Following interviews last Sunday I am pleased to let you know that we have appointed Jackie Davis who will work 22 hours per week and focus on Sunday Club and 0-11s, and Julie Smith who will work 14 hours focusing on secondary age and teenagers. They will work as a team, and hope to start on 26th February, subject to the usual employment formalities. I look forward to introducing them to you in due course.

**Ash Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February**: Service of Ashing at 12 noon and 8pm. Rev'd James Hutchings will preside and preach for this service. The noon Holy Communion service due to be on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February has been cancelled.

On **Saturday 29th February** we will be holding Safeguarding Training from 9.30-12.30pm in the Ellerton Room. If you, as part of your valuable services to St. Mary's, work with children or vulnerable adults, you are warmly invited to attend. The session is run by Jean Cooper, an experienced Diocesan trainer. Thank you to everyone who has contacted Natasha Mold regarding attendance. If you would like to attend, please do email or ring her. natashamold@gmail.com 07766 708907

**Musical Tea:** Young instrumentalists of Grade 4 and 5 standard are invited to a special Musical Tea on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February from 4 to 6pm at St Michael's to work and perform with professional pianist David Syrus of the Barnes Young Musician of the Year competition. Reserve your place at barnesmusicfestival@gmail.com

### **Welcoming Children into Communion 2020**

If your child is at least seven years old and would like to receive communion then s/he will need to attend the Welcoming Children into Communion classes. This year there are four classes on the following dates: Sunday 5th April at 11.45am, Sunday 26th April at 4pm Sunday 3rd May at 4pm, Sunday 10th May at 4pm Rehearsal for Service - Saturday 16th May - 5pm Welcome into Communion Service - 10am Sunday 17th May. There are sign up flyers at the back of church.

**Lent home group: Augustine's Life of Prayer, Learning and Love,** a book by Cally Hammond, will be the subject of discussion through Lent on five Wednesday mornings 10.30-11.45 at 2 Mill Hill Road, beginning on 4 March. All welcome to join. For more info ring Fiona or Geoffrey Barnett on 8878 6975.

**World Day of Prayer** 'Praying with Zimbabwe' Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm, St Mary the Virgin, Mortlake High Street. Refreshments after, all welcome.

**Barnes Music Festival** is now only two weeks away with the Opening Concert on 7th March. Tickets are going well with some events already sold out - please check the website for latest information - and are available from Chestertons offices in Barnes and online at barnesmusicfestival.com

**Help with the opera:** would you like to help with the exciting opera *The Cunning Little Vixen* as part of the Barnes Music Festival on 14th March? We need someone to help as dresser and someone to help backstage so please get in touch with Orsi at info@barnesmusicfestival.com or 07719 715998 if you would like to be involved.

**'Life on the Frontline' Lent Course:** This will take place on Mondays 2<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> March and 3 dates (to be decided) after Easter. 7.30pm refreshments for 7.45 – 9pm session in the Ellerton Room. Sign up sheet at the back of church. For a video taster please watch 'Meet Anne'

www.licc.org.uk/ourresources/lifeonthefrontline

#### Your chance to quiz the Bishop!

On Sunday 29th March, the Bishop of Southwark is leading our 10am service, and afterwards Bishop Christopher has kindly agreed to take part in a question and answer session, before we share a parish lunch together. Questions can be about matters of faith and belief, or major ethical issues, or the church, or wider society. Please write your question on one of the reply slips on the church entrance desk, giving your name and contact details and put it in the designated box; or email to office@stmarybarnes.org. We can't guarantee that everyone's question will be taken, but we will group similar ones together and try and get through as many as possible.

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