

**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

Lord we pray for the power to be gentle,  
the strength to be forgiving, the patience to be understanding  
and the endurance to accept the consequences of holding  
to what we believe to be right. Amen.

**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> September

8am	Holy Communion BCP	President & preacher: Bishop Richard Harries
10am	Parish Eucharist	President: Sister Margaret Anne
		Preacher: Geoffrey Barnett
6pm	Evensong	Officiant: Sister Margaret Anne

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

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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 forever.

**First Reading:** James 3 vv13-4.3a, 7-8a **Gospel:** Mark 9 vv30-37 **10am hymns:** 648, 258, 57, 365

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 (*Note from Shelagh Mitchell: Thank you to all at St Mary's for your prayers for me. I value these prayers and I have felt very supported. I am making a good if slow recovery so thank you everyone and our good wishes to you all.*)

**Anniversaries of death:** Joan Roake; Margaret Sharp; Robert Walker

### This week

Mon to Fri	9.05am	Morning Prayer in the Langton Chapel
Mondays	2.30pm	Sewing group (contact Rosie on 8876 5338)
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	11.15am	Quiet Time
	12 noon	Holy Communion (BCP): Sister Margaret Anne
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.30am	Coffee Shop in the Melvill Room
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	8am	Holy Communion BCP: President & preacher: Bishop Richard Harries
<b>18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>	8.45am	Parish Breakfast in the Melvill Room
	10am	Harvest Festival Parish Eucharist: President: Sister Margaret Anne
		Preacher: Hayley Argles-Grant
	12 noon	Harvest Festival Lunch in Kitson Hall
	6pm	Evensong at St Michael's & All Angels

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## When will we get a successor to Richard?

The short answer is next summer. Meanwhile services will continue much as normal (except there will be no informal services except for baptism services on Sundays at 11.30am). Clergy to take services have been determined up to Christmas. The churchwardens are in charge of the church, and the PCC will continue as normal. The appointment process requires us to produce a Parish Profile to define what sort of Rector we seek. All the congregation are asked to help set our priorities, and there will be a meeting after the 10am service on 14th October for everyone to give their views. Clergy tend to look for new appointments in the New Year, so we will advertise in mid-January and interview in mid-March. Representatives of the diocese and the Barnes Team will join us for the interviews. Then the chosen candidate will need to give three months' notice to their present post – and then move to us at a convenient time for them. Ask the wardens for more details if you need them. But come along on 14th October please. Meanwhile St Mary's needs your help to ensure we keep the church moving forward. It is a time of challenge but also opportunity to use our God given abilities in the church and the community.

### A message from Richard & JulieAnn

We would like to express our deep gratitude to everyone for the most amazing farewells last weekend. The services and the reception were so moving for us (and Nathaniel and Eliana) and really showed off the best of St Mary's. Also, we appreciate very much indeed the wonderful gifts that we received and for everyone's generosity. There were also numerous individual cards, messages and gifts given to us personally. Sadly, we won't be able to express our thanks to all these except in these general terms. The large cheque we received means that we will be able to find some interesting local items to make the 'Deanery' in St George's more homely than it is currently. Please do stay in touch and the best email to use is dean@sgcjerusalem.org and visit the College's website to find out more about our mission: www.saintgeorgescollegejerusalem.com

### Richard's farewell

Richard's farewell last Sunday was a joyous and moving occasion and thanks to everyone who came and contributed food, money for his gifts and comments for his book. A copy of the photo album which we presented to him is at the back of the church for people to look through.

### 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 the week-long run will be accompanied by a free pre-show talk, delivered by Bishop Richard Harries on Friday 2nd November. Tickets are available online at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/shadowroad](http://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](http://www.gofundme.com/LWWBarnes2018), which would be most gratefully received!

**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](mailto: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.

### Saturday 29 September: Barnes Film Festival/Barnes Music Festival collaboration:

a special screening at St Mary's of the silent film London Symphony with piano accompaniment and Q&A with director Alex Barratt. The film offers a poetic journey through the capital, an artistic snapshot of London as it stands today and a celebration of its rich diversity of culture, architecture and religion. Saturday 29 September 7pm. Tickets £13 in advance from [barnesfilmfestival.com](http://barnesfilmfestival.com) or £15 on door

### Harvest Lunch is looming!

On Sunday September 30th, we shall be celebrating Harvest with a come-and-eat lunch in Kitson Hall. All will be welcome in the Hall following the morning services for those who don't wish to travel home and back again. A sign-up sheet will be at the back of church and we are asking those attending to bring a contribution. We plan a main course of chicken or vegetarian fare and a fruit pudding. If you could indicate how many you will be and what you will bring then we can be sure to plug any gaps. Fiona Barnett & Claire Boyling

**From the Flower Arrangers:** we will be doing the usual tableau next Friday morning. We would be grateful if contributions of fruit and veg. Prefer home grown but all gratefully accepted. Sue Adams 0208 748 6547.

### Friends Choral Evensong 7 October 6pm

We are delighted to welcome the new Bishop of London Rt Revd Dame Sarah Mullaly as our guest preacher. She is the most senior woman in the Church of England and is focusing on creating new relationships in London, nationally and internationally. Fine choral music will be performed by the St Mary's Choir and the service is followed by a reception to which all are welcome.

### Barnes Charity Fashion Show 10th & 11th October - tickets now on sale

Tickets are available in person from Knight Frank, 56 Barnes High Street (no booking fee) or online at [barnescharityfashionshow.com](http://barnescharityfashionshow.com) with booking fee.

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