

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

○ God the Holy Ghost who art light unto thy people, evermore enlighten us.
 Thou who art fire of love, evermore enkindle us.
 Thou who are Lord and giver of life, evermore live in us.
 Thou who bestowest your grace, evermore replenish us.
 As the wind is thy symbol, so forward our efforts. As the dove, so launch us heavenwards.
 As water, so purify our spirits. As a cloud, so abate our temptations.
 As dew, so revive our langour. As fire, so purge out our dross. Amen.
Prayer by Christina Rossetti

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 24th March

8am	Holy Communion BCP	President & preacher: Rev'd Sister Margaret Anne
10am	Parish Eucharist	President & preacher: Bishop Richard Harries
6pm	6pm	Barnes Music Festival Choral Evensong with the choirs of St Mary's & St Michael's President: Father Stephen Stavrou Preacher: Bishop David Stancliffe

Collect for 24th March

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen

First Reading: Isaiah 55 vv1-9 **Gospel:** Luke 13 vv1-9 **10am hymns:** 706, 430, 594, 358

If you have, or know of anyone who has a pastoral concern, please let Fiona Barnett know.
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Special Prayers:

The sick, including Anne White, Philip Mitchell, Sylvia Howell, Barbara Bryant, Anthony Breene

Those who have recently died: Lesley Lorimer, David Allen; Arthur Sisson; Barbara Westmorland

Anniversaries of death: David Chalmers; Jigs Fildes-Heap; John Wisdom; Robert Cousins

This week

Mon to Fri	9.05am	Morning Prayer in the Langton Chapel
Mondays	2.30pm	Sewing group (contact Rosie on 8876 5338)
Thurs 28 th	11.15am	Quiet Time
March	12 noon	Holy Communion (BCP): President & preacher: Rev'd Sister Margaret Anne
Sat 30 th March	10.30am	Coffee Shop in the Melvill Room in aid of Melanoma UK
Sun 31 st March	8am	Holy Communion BCP: President & preacher: Bishop Richard Harries
Mothering	10am	All Age Parish Eucharist: President: Rev'd Sister Margaret Anne
Sunday		Preacher: Charlie Auton and Sunday Club children
	6pm	Evensong: Officiant: Geoffrey Barnett

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A SMALL STEP TO PROMOTE ST MARY'S MISSION IN BARNES

St Mary's, like the rest of the church, has a mission in Barnes. Among other things we do this by giving info to our parishioners. So, we help deliver CTiB Christmas cards, and at other times of the year we circulate important information about the church. When we have a new Rector we would like to tell everyone. To do this we need a system to drop letters into letter boxes. We have no arrangements at present except to leave piles of material at the back of church and ask for volunteers.

Some people offer, but a lot is left undelivered. This is sad.

Can we do better? Can we do what the BCA has done for decades, and have a volunteer for each road who will undertake to arrange future drops there? Long roads would have several volunteers who divide up the road between them. Can we all offer to take on a road, please? This is something that most of us can do, but it will work best if most of us do volunteer.

There is a list of the roads in our parish at the back of church. Please sign up to say that you are happy to do your bit. It would only be a few times a year at most.

Many thanks, Phil & Fouki, the churchwardens

Lent Group at 2 Mill Hill Road, SW13

We shall read Jane Williams' new book, *The Merciful Humility of God*, on Thursday mornings 10.30am to 12 noon starting on 7th March.

All welcome, for more information, ring Geoffrey or Fiona Barnett on 8878 6975

Isaiah – A text for troubling times: Barnes Methodist Church will be running five Lent sessions from Friday 15th March, 10.30am to 12 noon, to discuss. Optional soup lunch (with donations invited) after each session. www.barnesmethodistchurch.org.uk

Senior Handbell Ringers: Seek a new member to join them. Meeting most weeks in Barnes. We have an interesting and varied programme and importantly have learnt a great deal. Now in our 3rd year. Please contact sue.adams@btinternet.com if interested for fuller details.

Coffee Shop on 30th March: The charity is called Melanoma UK. At Melanoma UK it is our challenge and desire to give patients and their families much needed support during the very difficult times faced upon diagnosis. We aim to get patients access to the best care available and support them throughout the journey. Patients, families, carers, and clinicians are at the heart of our work. We are passionate about our work and will work tirelessly to get results. www.melanomauk.org.uk

Next Sunday is Mothering Sunday: The Parish Eucharist at 10am will be an All Age Mothering Sunday service with distribution of daffodils. This will also be the last service at which Charlie Auton will be present before moving on to his new job in Kingston.



The **Barnes Music Festival** finishes today after two weeks of wonderful performances and full audiences.

Many thanks to all the musicians, volunteers, organisers and audiences for making the festival so successful. Please come to the final Festival Choral Evensong at 6pm tonight in St Mary's with the combined choirs of St Mary's and St Michael's and an address by Bishop David Stancliffe.

Easter Lilies: if you would like to buy a lily in memory of a loved one, please sign the list at the back of the church giving your name and the loved one's name. The lilies cost £5 each and will form the entire floral part of our Easter display.

The **Annual Parochial Church Council** meeting is to be held on Thursday 4th April with refreshments from 7.30pm, meeting to start at 8pm. It's the time when we look back on the events and achievements of the past year and look ahead. It is also the time when we vote for our Churchwardens and for members of the Church Council (PCC). We are looking for four new members and we would very much like to hear from anyone who would be interested to offer their time in this way. Phil Bladen & Fouki Heller



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