

Welcome to St Mary's. We are not able to worship together in public currently but do look at our website and social media @stmarybarnes to keep in touch with us during the Coronavirus crisis. Our pastoral care volunteers have been phoning around the congregation to keep in touch. If you haven't had a call, or would like another, or you don't think we have your number, please let us know. If you have received this pewsheet through your letterbox and have an email address, please let us have one so we can keep in touch with you electronically.

O gracious and holy Father, give us wisdom to perceive you,
diligence to seek you, patience to wait for you,
eyes to behold you, a heart to meditate upon you,
and a life to proclaim you,
through the power of the spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord.
St Benedict

The following online services are all available on Revd James Hutchings YouTube channel, which can be found by searching for James Hutchings Barnes in the YouTube search box or by using the web address shown here: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCi26nEN_40x70dOYVcul5KA

8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

10am Parish Eucharist: Intercessions by Peter Allen

6pm Evensong led by Geoffrey Barnett

The virtual Sunday Club will again be at 11am, and please contact

Revd James to arrange an invitation, his email is revdjames@stmarybarnes.org

Morning Prayer will continue on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/stmarybarnes/> It can either be watched live at 8.30am or anytime later after it finishes. You don't have to be a Facebook member to watch it, you can click 'Not Now' when it prompts you to join.

Collect for 24th May

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: Acts 1: 6-14

Gospel: John 17:1-11

Special Prayers: Christian Aid **The sick**, including Isabelle, Anthea Atha, Jackie Northen

Anniversaries of death: Daisy Ambrose, David Tetther

Those who have died: Derek Senhenn, June Wright, Gary Garrett, Merry Spence

Local Community Support Information

Barnes Cares: is co-ordinated by the Barnes Community Association. For helpful numbers and information regarding prescriptions, food deliveries. <https://www.barnes-ca.org/community-blog/barnescares>

Richmond Council Community Hub: If you or someone you know needs this support, please contact 0208 8716555 or covid19support@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk **Don't forget the Foodbank**, at a time when many are facing hard times. You can donate food by dropping it off to the food bank at the Castelnau Centre, 7 Stillingfleet Road, Barnes SW13 9AQ, 9.15am-11.15am on Friday mornings. The OSO Arts Centre is accepting donations from 10am to 12 noon on all days except Sundays and is cooking about 150 meals each day for the Castelnau Centre. <https://richmond.foodbank.org.uk/>

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Please contact Rev'd James, if you or anyone you know, has a pastoral concern.

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Henry Chandler (Director of Music), Jackie Davis & Julie Smith (Children & Youth Workers) are furloughed at the moment.

Thy Kingdom Come (Ascension & Pentecost Season)

We live in an extraordinary time, and I want to invite you to use the forthcoming season from Ascension to Pentecost (21-31 May) to grow closer to God in prayer. After the first Ascension Day, the disciples gathered with Mary, constantly devoting themselves to prayer while they waited for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Like them, our reliance on the gift of the Holy Spirit is total – on our own we can do nothing. Through the centuries Christians have gathered at that time to pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

'Thy Kingdom Come' picks up this tradition. Archbishop Justin Welby is a leading supporter:

"In praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' we all commit to playing our part in the renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities."

I hope you will access one or more of the following we are offering at St Mary Barnes during this period:

- our Sunday services on 24th May and celebrating Pentecost on 31st May
- in addition to our usual service of Morning Prayer, there will be a daily service of Compline (Night Prayer) each evening (available from 6pm) on our [Facebook](#) page
- daily reflections available through the Church of England <https://www.churchofengland.org>
- Download the free Thy Kingdom Come app – packed full with videos, reflections, a daily podcast from N.T. Wright and the daily prayer journal from the Apple or Android app stores, simply search for "Thy Kingdom Come Prayer" (most resources available in a range of languages)
- Join the special Thy Kingdom Come morning service with the Archbishop of Canterbury at 9am on Pentecost Sunday cofe.io/ChurchOnline, including prayers from the His Holiness Pope Francis, music lead by Matt Redman and contributions from many others.
- to help us in ways to pray at <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/lightuptheworld>

Online Acts of the Apostles

The group's last session is on Monday 25th May at 2.30pm and the reading is Acts 17:16-34

Let Rev'd James know if you'd like to join in. revdjames@stmarybarnes.org

These links have some good and straightforward reflections for prayer and action linked to this Sunday's gospel:

[Roots on the web for Adults](#)

[Roots on the web for Children & Families](#)

Virtual Christian Aid Week

Christian Aid week has now finished, though there is still time to give if you wish to do so.

Donations can be made either via our [Just Giving](#) page (If you do not want to donate to their administrative costs, just scroll down when they invite you to do so and press 'other'. Then 'continue')

or by CAF cheque to our CA Treasurer: Brian Cleave, 15 Bellevue Road, Barnes SW13 0BJ

Brian Cleave reports that we have £3,315 donated from the Barnes area so far.

Annual Review online: This week it is the Barnes Charity Bicycle Sale and their piece can be viewed [here](#).

Church scrapbooks online: just before the lockdown Sarah Cox (ably assisted by Steve Cox) had started photographing the church scrapbooks which go back more than 40 years. year One year per week at a time will be featured on the [History & Architecture](#) page on our website and on social media. This week we continue with 1982, the new incumbent Rev'd Juergen Simonsen launches the Rebuilding Appeal to raise £200,000, with a current PCC member Joan Wheeler-Bennett, on the Committee. In world news; the Falklands War, Greenham Common protests and compulsory wearing of a seatbelt becomes law.

For the love of scrubs: I am supporting a local group of volunteers based in and around Putney and Barnes who are sewing to make up scrubs for local hospitals and care homes. We have two volunteers who are cutting the patterns ready and they really need any fabric or material that anyone can donate. There may be parishioners sorting out their linen cupboards or people spare rolls of fabric that they might offer or sell at cost for this worthy cause. The fabric would need to be washable at 60° so cotton or polycotton would be preferred. See the group on [Facebook](#) and they also have a [Giving](#) page should you wish to donate money.

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Please think of St Mary's if you are dividing up any of your plants. We have lots of space and are trying to eradicate some of the more persistent weeds. We will be gardening on Saturday mornings as usual from 10.30am, and we would be so pleased to have some new and different plants. rosemary@pfindlater.plus.com

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.