

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 your electronically.

Lord Jesus Christ,

you taught us to love our neighbour, and to care for those in need
as if we were caring for you.

In this time of anxiety, give us strength to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick,
and to assure the isolated of our love, and your love, for your name's sake. Amen.

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_40x70dOYVcuI5KA
8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer), 10am Parish Eucharist: This week's preacher is Geoffrey Barnett with intercessions provided by Peter Boyling (and thank you to Joan Wheeler-Bennett for last Sunday's), 6pm Evensong, with homily by Christabel Gairdner. 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. This week there will be no Morning Prayer on Friday 1st May.

Collect for 26th April

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Acts 2:14a,36-41 **Gospel:** Luke 24:13-35

Special Prayers: Christian Aid **The sick,** including Anne White, Monty & Maisie Brown, Sheila Wilson, Isabelle, Christopher Browne, Caroline Browne, Gary Garrett, William McGowan
Anniversaries of death: Ian Worth, Paul Brummitt **Those who have died:** Archie Best, Beatrice, Bharat Upadhyaya, Eileen Parkhouse, Clive Rust, Leonce Crees, Derek Senhenn, June Wright

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 now also cooking about 150 meals each day for the Castelnau Centre. <https://richmond.foodbank.org.uk/>

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

Easter Season

Online Acts of the Apostles

This new group started well last week and continues on Monday 27th April 2.30pm. This week we will be looking at Acts 2 vv 1-13, 22-24, 37-47). It doesn't matter if you weren't involved last week, so if you would like to join you let me know at revdjames@stmarybarnes.org - if you haven't used it already you will need to download the [Zoom app](#) and I will send you an email with the link to join the session. The format will be to read the passage together, reflect on it silently, then by sharing a word or phrase which strikes us, and then I will introduce a short discussion between us. Please let me know if you would like to take part - if you are unable to take part I am hoping to record the sessions, if I can master the technology!

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](#)

Online pets blessing! I was so looking forward to my first service of thanksgiving for pets in Barnes that I will instead lead an online pets blessing at the time planned, **11.45am on Sunday 3rd May**.

Meeting on [Zoom app](#), you can get your pets as near as possible to your device and you can help me bless them, with our old dog Jessie at my side.

Virtual Christian Aid Week

For obvious reasons the usual door to door collection for Christian Aid Week is cancelled as is the Big Breakfast which had been planned. However CA week has gone online, as it is still a vital way of supporting the poorest of communities worldwide, who are also at great risk from the pandemic. Our online service on Sunday 10th May will be linked to the week's themes. A date for your diary: **Online Quiz, Monday 11th May 6.30pm** - Revd James will host the quiz, in support of Christian Aid, and hopes you will join him to participate on Facebook Live. More details to follow but in the meantime if you want to know more, go to <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week>.

The planned Friends event for a new book by Richard Harries, **Seeing God in Art: the Christian Faith in 30 Images**, has of course had to be postponed. However, the book is now available from Barnes Bookshop. It can be ordered over the phone, [020 8741 0786](tel:02087410786) and Venetia will deliver it to your home free.

Rev'd Sister Margaret Anne is writing Daily Reflections on the Richmond Deanery website, you can see this and other useful resources for reflection and worship at richmondandbarnesdeanery.org.uk A suggestion from the Bishop of Southwark I would encourage, is that we **say the Lord's Prayer at 1pm and 7pm each day**.

Churches Together in England have also suggested **lighting a candle in your window each evening**, if safe to do so, as a symbol of Christ's light in our world at this dark time.

Annual Review online: usually the reports for the annual review would be published in time for the Annual Meeting (APCM) but this has been postponed until 22nd October. However the reports would be rather historic by then, and so we are going to publish a report each week on the website for you to read gradually.

This week it is Bellringers and you can find their piece [here](#).

Church scrapbooks online: just before the lockdown Sarah Clevely (ably assisted by Steve Cox) had fortunately started photographing the church scrapbooks which go back more than 40 years, so that we have a digital record. She managed to do 1978-98 before the lockdown. To help us deal with this period of being unable to come into church, we are going to feature some photos from one year per week at a time, on the [History & Architecture](#) page on our website and on social media. This week we start with 1978 - not the most cheerful as it begins with the church fire, but a fascinating record!

Glass Door update: one good side effect of the crisis has been that homeless people have been given accommodation in London hotels. However they still need considerable support and so Glass Door support workers are as busy as ever, but of course much fundraising has dried up like so many charities. If you would like to support their work during the crisis this is a link to their emergency appeal: [covid-19-emergency-appeal](#)

Domestic abuse: sadly there is evidence of a considerable increase in domestic abuse due to the lockdown. If you or anyone you know might be affected by this, there is guidance on this link on the issues and where to get help, as this continues to be a top priority for the police and support services: <https://www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding/promoting-safer-church/domestic-abuse-and-covid-19>

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.