ST MARY'S BARNES Su

26th February 2017 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.

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 26 th February Sunday next before Lent						
8am	Holy Communion BCP	President & preacher: Rev'd Richard Sewell				
8.45am	Parish Breakfast	In the Melvill Room				
10am	Parish Eucharist	President: Bishop Richard Harries				
		Preacher: Geoffrey Barnett				
6pm	Evensong	Officiant: Christabel Gairdner				

Collect for 26th 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.

I0am:First Reading: Exodus 24 vv12-end
I0am Hymns: 595, 238, 275, 719Gospel: Matthew 17 vv1-9
Anthem: My eyes for beauty pine by Howells
Ash Wednesday Hymns: 676, 621, 755, 823
Ash Wednesday Anthem: Wash me thoroughly by Wesley

Special Prayers:

St Mary's outward giving projects: those whom Christian Solidarity Worldwide supports: **The sick**, including Alastair Mackie, Joan Putz, Imogen Smith, Andrea Walshe, Carol Stratton **Those who have died:** Kit Mallinson; June Millar

This week		
Mon to Fri	9.05am	Morning Prayer
Monday	2.30pm	Sewing group (contact Rosie on 8876 5338)
Wed I st March	8 pm	Ash Wednesday Service: President & preacher: Rev'd Richard Sewell
Thursday	11.15am	Quiet Time
2 nd March	12 noon	Holy Communion (BCP): President & preacher: Rev'd Richard Sewell
Sat 4 th March	10.30am	Coffee Shop in the Melvill Room in aid of the Genesis Research Trust
Sunday	8am	Holy Communion (BCP):
5 th March		President & preacher: Rev'd Richard Sewell
First Sunday	10am	Parish Eucharist: President: Rev'd Richard Sewell
of Lent		Preacher: Bishop Richard Harries
	11.30am	Informal Service with Baptisms: Officiant: Rev'd Richard Sewell
	6 pm	Healing & Wholeness: Officiant: Rev'd Richard Sewell

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CHRISTIAN SOLIDARITY WORLDWIDE

CSW play an important part in the urgent work needed to continually highlight and bring pressure on governments and international organisations to act against the huge amount of religious persecution around the world. CSW provide a strong voice of advocacy for people of any faith who are facing persecution, including those unjustly imprisoned. It was good to hear Bill Lowe, Head of Fundraising, and Steven Selvaraj last week at our 10am Service. The Coffee Shop for CSW raised £160. Our champion for CSW is David Delaforce, email: david.dforce@btinternet.com for any information you may need.

Rev'd Ann Lynes Licencing Service: We have organised a coach to take a group to the licensing of Revd Ann Lynes at Holy Trinity Northwood on Monday 27th February. The service begins at 8pm. We have fifty seats available on the coach so if you would like to take advantage please send your name and contact details to Cheryl Cole in the Church Office as soon as possible or speak to Richard this weekend. Anyone who wants to travel independently is most welcome to make their own way to attend the service.

We will leave from St Mary's at 5.50pm to get us to Northwood for 7.30pm. There is a reception after the service so we will depart Northwood at 10pm returning to St Mary's at 11pm. The cost is £8.30 per person.

Ash Wednesday Service: If you have a palm cross and would like it burned for Ash Wednesday please bring the cross to church on any Sunday prior to March 1 or hand it in to the church office.

Women's World Day of Prayer: will be held at St Osmund's Church at 11.30am on Friday 3rd March. There is parking in front of and behind the church. We will be praying for the Philippines. All are welcome.

Lent Group - God with Us

Five Thursday mornings 10.30 to 12 noon, beginning 9 March, at 2 Mill Hill Road studying Rowan Williams' recent book, God with Us, the meaning of the cross and resurrection – then and now.

All welcome – ring Fiona or Geoffrey Barnett for more information (8878 6975).

Exploring the Way: The home group currently studying the Gospel of John meets on Tuesday evenings. All are welcome. If you would like to join the group or to come along and see what it's all about, please ring Christabel Gairdner 8748 1218 or Lucy Hine 8748 4852.

If you have, or know of anyone who has a pastoral concern please let one of the clergy or Fiona Barnett know. **Help needed for Barnes Music Festival**: with this year's expanded programme, we are looking for some extra volunteers to help at the events at St Mary's, especially with bar, welcoming and occasional furniture moving. The bonus is you get to come to the events free! If you would like to help, please contact Andrew Summers or email office@barnesmusicfestival.com

CTiB Lent Talks 2017:

Thursdays in Lent, 7.30pm refreshments, 8pm talk starts, 9.15pm finish

Refugees - 9th March - Elizabeth Byrne-Hill St Michael's & All Angels Poverty - 16th March - Kathy Childress Holy Trinity Religious Persecution - 23rd March - Ben Rogers St Mary's Barnes Homelessness - 30th March - Michael Sawyer Barnes Methodist Church Prisoners - 6th April - Andy Keen-Downs St Osmund's Church

Shenehom Housing Association is a small charity in Barnes, providing accommodation and care for people with mental health disabilities. They currently need new Trustees; it is a worthwhile and not onerous job. If you are interested to find out more, please contact Robin Martin (020 8748 1373) or Valerie Delay (020 8748 5954). www.shenehom.org.uk

Senior Handbell Ringers:

To join our group contact Sue Adams 8748 6547



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