

**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, before ever you made us, you loved us.  
Nor has your love ever slackened, nor ever shall.  
In love all your works have begun, and in love they continue.  
In this love our life is everlasting, and in this love we shall see you  
and be glad forever. Amen.

*(Julian of Norwich)*

**Services on 26<sup>th</sup> November**

8am	Holy Communion BCP	President & preacher: Rev'd Richard Sewell
8.45am	Parish Breakfast	In the Melvill Room
10am	Parish Eucharist	President: Rev'd Richard Sewell, preacher: Christabel Gairdner
6pm	Evensong	Officiant: Rev'd Richard Sewell

**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.

**Collect for 26<sup>th</sup> November**

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**First Reading:** Ezekiel 34 vv11-16, 20-24

**Gospel:** Matthew 25 vv31-end

**10am hymns:** 357, 799, 593, 494

If you have, or know of anyone who has a pastoral concern, please let one of the clergy or Fiona Barnett know.

**Special Prayers:**

**St Mary's outward giving projects:** Age UK Richmond upon Thames

**The sick,** including Alastair Mackie, Carole Stratton

**Those who have died:** Rev'd Trevor Patterson, Mayella Figgis

**Anniversaries of death:** Anthony Malcolm; Norah Buckland; Frank White

**This week**

Mon to Fri	9.05am	Morning Prayer
Mondays	2pm	Sewing group (contact Rosie on 8876 5338)
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup>	11.15am	Quiet Time
Nov	12 noon	Holy Communion (BCP): President & preacher: Rev'd Richard Sewell
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	10.30am	Coffee Shop in the Melvill Room in aid of Save the Children <i>Save the Children believes every child deserves a future both in the UK &amp; in more than 120 countries. Everyday &amp; in times of crisis, Save the Children works to give children a healthy start in life, the opportunity to learn and to protect them from harm.</i>
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	8am	Holy Communion BCP: President & preacher: Bishop Richard Harries
<b>Advent</b>	10am	Parish Eucharist: President: Rev'd Richard Sewell, preacher: Geoffrey Barnett
<b>Sunday</b>	11.30am	Informal Service with baptisms: Officiant: Rev'd Richard Sewell
	6pm	St Michael's Advent Carol Service ( <b>No Evensong at St Mary's Barnes</b> )

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## Age UK Richmond upon Thames: our charity of the month

Phone: 020 8876 2377 Open: Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm

Age UK Richmond upon Thames is a local independent charity providing services and support for older people across the borough of Richmond. Our Barnes Green Centre offers a wide range of activities to help improve and maintain health and wellbeing for people over 50 years of age. With over 30 activities on offer every week, including exercise groups, beauty treatments and opportunities to learn new skills, there's something for everyone.

See our website for details [www.ageukrichmond.org.uk](http://www.ageukrichmond.org.uk) or pop in to see what's available.

**Memorial Window:** After much planning and many delays the 1215 Memorial Window has been installed in the Langton Chapel. This commemorates the sealing of Magna Carta and our connection with it through the visit of Archbishop Stephen Langton to St Mary's on his return to London from Runnymede. We celebrated the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this event in 2015.

We shall be planning a special event to celebrate this important new addition to the fabric of our historic and beautiful church. Many thanks to those who have worked hard to get this project from conception through to completion.

### Waiting on God – Advent Prayer Workshops Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm

Praying with Evelyn Underhill (20<sup>th</sup> century English writer) Led by Rev'd Richard Sewell

### Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm

Praying with R S Thomas (20<sup>th</sup> century Welsh poet) Led by Christabel Gairdner

### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm

Praying with St Aidan & St Cuthbert (7<sup>th</sup> century Celtic saints) Led by Sr Margaret Anne

### Advent Challenge

This Advent, our young people would like to invite everyone to support them in raising money for Under Tree Schools in Southern Sudan. They will be organising a stall at the back of church each Sunday after the 10am service, beginning on 26<sup>th</sup> November. As well as some home baking, there will be some festive presents for you to buy. All money raised will go to the charity so your support will be much appreciated. Please see Helen Bladen or Charlie for more details.

**St Mary's Christmas Cards:** From Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November we will be selling the cards everyday in the church until the final few days before Christmas. If anyone has a couple of hours to spare between 12.30-2.30pm on weekdays or on Saturdays either at 12.15-1.15pm or 1.15-2.30pm when they could sit in the church and help to sell the cards, we would be hugely grateful. If you think you could fill one of the slots on the rota, then please do give Charlie Grainger a ring on 020 8239 8861 or email her [christmascards@stmarybarnes.org](mailto:christmascards@stmarybarnes.org)

**'The Gift of Christmas' with Virginia McKenna** on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 6pm: **Tickets for this event are now sold out.**

Calling all children to join the cast of our **Nativity** which is performed on Christmas Eve each year. This time, the play is called, **Gabriel's Big Break** and we will be retelling the Christmas story from the point of view of the angels. There are parts for everyone and rehearsals take place during the 10am. service on Sundays throughout Advent. For more information contact JulieAnn on [jascounselling@btinternet.com](mailto:jascounselling@btinternet.com) or Alison on [aejmacmillan@gmail.com](mailto:aejmacmillan@gmail.com) It promises to be fun!

**Barnes Music Festival 2018** outline programme has been published. Please pick up a leaflet with all the details and save the dates of 10 - 25 March 2018 for two weeks of wonderful music-making in Barnes.

### Barnes Young Musician of the Year 2018

applications are now open to students of Grade 6 standard and above who live, attend school or have their instrumental lessons in Barnes. Go to [barnesmusicfestival.com](http://barnesmusicfestival.com) for full details and application form.

**Human Rights Day**, Sunday Dec 10<sup>th</sup>  
Annual Vigil 8-9pm, Lady Chapel, St. Michael's

A **dementia-friendly carol service** will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> December from 2-3pm for people living with dementia, their families and carers, followed by refreshments. The service will be shorter than usual, and feature familiar tunes and carols that everyone knows. It is a partnership by St Mary's and the Dover House Singers, a Putney based community choir, and is sponsored by the Barnes Community Association. Members of the St Mary's choir and congregation are welcome to join in.

### Free Piano Concert 1pm Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Dec:

They're back! After their small series of very enjoyable, low-profile piano concerts last winter and spring, Alistair McGowan and Anthony Hewitt team up again for another afternoon of varied piano music. Last year, Anthony oversaw Alistair's learning and development as he prepared for 'The Piano Album' which was released by Sony Classics on Sept 29<sup>th</sup> and which has gone on to perform surprisingly well in the classical charts. Alistair will attempt to play some of his new repertoire (including Sibelius' Impromptu no 6, Mussorgsky's 'Old Castle and other pieces by Satie, Chopin, Marcelo, Beethoven and Arvo Part) in public for the first time (with possibly more enthusiasm than brilliance) before Anthony saves the day with a selection of Brahms Variations. There is no charge for the concert.

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