

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 this week:

Lord God, we live in disturbing days: across the world, prices rise, debts increase, markets are in turmoil, jobs are taken away, and fragile security is under threat. Loving God, meet us in our fear and hear our prayer: be a tower of strength amidst the shifting sands, and a light in the darkness; help us receive your gift of peace, and fix our hearts where true joys are to be found, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Services on 27th August

8am	Holy Communion BCP	President & preacher: Rev'd Richard Sewell
10am	Parish Eucharist	President: Rev'd Richard Sewell, preacher: Geoffrey Barnett
6pm	NO EVENSONG	

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 27th August

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

10am: First Reading: Romans 12 vv1-8

Gospel: Matthew 16 vv13-20

10am hymns: 537, 812, 707, 604

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: Our church/Our challenge/Our choices

The sick, including Alastair Mackie, Joan Putz

Those who have died:

baby Arabella Maynard; Stephen Tranter; Wendy Breeze; Vic Nolan; Lucy Cooper

This week

Mon to Fri	9.05am	Morning Prayer
Monday	2.30pm	Sewing group (contact Rosie on 8876 5338)
Thurs 31 st Aug	11.15am	Quiet Time
	12 noon	Holy Communion (BCP): President & preacher: Rev'd Richard Sewell
Sat 2 nd Sept	10.30am	Coffee Shop in the Melvill Room in aid of the Senior Handbell Ringers
Sun 3 rd Sept	8am	Holy Communion BCP: President & preacher: Bishop Richard Harries
	10am	Parish Eucharist: President & preacher: Rev'd Richard Sewell
	11.30am	Informal Service with baptisms: Officiant: Rev'd Richard Sewell
	6pm	Evensong: Officiant: Christabel Gairdner

If you will be giving your donation to the church in cash, and you pay tax, please use a Gift Aid envelope. This will enable us to claim an extra 25% from HMRC at no cost to you. Write your full name, address and date on the front of the envelope – this MUST be completed in ink to be valid.

Our challenge: we hope all our congregation will want to be a blessing to others, through generous gifts of time and money, in response to the many blessings we receive from God. **Please consider whether you can start a standing order to St Mary's, or increase an existing one.**

If you were not in church to hear the wardens and Richard speak, please check the explanation on the church website: www.stmarybarnes.org under Our church/Our challenge/Our choices.

Vic Nolan: Vic's funeral service will be held at 12.30pm on Tuesday 29th August at St Mary's. There will be a private burial service afterwards for family members only. The wake will be at the Water's Edge, Wetlands Centre. All welcome. Any donations should be made to The British Heart Foundation.

We want to have the church open for visitors, but we need someone on hand to keep an eye. We open every morning from 10.30 to 12.30 and a faithful group take an hour every few weeks to sit, perhaps read, and perhaps chat to those who pop in for whatever reason. Could you spend an hour on our rota? If so, please speak to Sian Walford (8876 1432) if you can do a weekday, or Lucy Hine (8748 4852) if you can do a Saturday.

Bishop's Certificate in Discipleship: Every year our Diocese runs a year-long course to help people to learn more about the Christian faith in a thorough and systematic way. It is called The Bishop's Certificate in Discipleship.

There are six modules:

- Exploring our identity and the Church
- Remembering the people of God in the Old Testament
- Following Jesus through the New Testament
- Understanding the teaching of the Church
- Focusing on mission – ethics and lifestyle
- Responding to the Holy Spirit in prayer and worship.

Each of these is a five-week module running on weekday evenings or Saturdays. There is an introductory session on Saturday 16th September 10am – 1pm at Trinity House (London Bridge).

If you are at all interested in this excellent course please speak to Rev'd Richard.

Save the Date

Barnes Charity Fashion Show 11th and 12th October 2017 - tickets available from 1st September. Details at www.barnescharityfashionshow.com

Facebook: St Mary's Church, Barnes
Twitter: @barnesrector

This autumn Rev'd Richard will run a new course entitled **Pilgrim: The Creeds?**

It is part of a new resource produced by the Church of England which follows two modules: Follow Stage & Grow Stage. Each module has six parts. This autumn Richard will lead the first module from the Grow stage which is entitled The Creeds.

Wed 13th September: What are the Creeds?

Wed 20th September: God as Trinity

Wed 18th October: Fully God & Fully Human

Wed 1st November: Crucified, Risen, Ascended

Wed 8th November: I Believe in the Holy Spirit

Wed 15th November: One, Holy, Catholic Church

These sessions will run from 8pm – 9.30pm in Church. Everyone is welcome to attend to help to deepen your understanding of our faith. Please use a sign-up form which can be found at the back of Church.

What really is Happiness?

Two distinguished local authors and broadcasters, Gyles Brandreth and Richard Harries, come together on Sunday 17 Sept at 7.30pm at St Mary's Barnes to debate the subject of "What Really is Happiness?". Gyles Brandreth, well-known optimist and author of "The 7 Secrets of Happiness" will discuss what it really means to be happy in our often-troubled world with Bishop Richard Harries, author of "The Beauty and the Horror". A selection of their books will also be available for sale and signing.

Tickets at £10 (in aid of Friends of St Mary's Barnes) from Barnes Bookshop, St Mary's office and www.ticketsource.co.uk/stmarybarnes.

Glass Door Sleep Out: Hundreds of individuals will be sleeping out at Duke of York Square on **Friday, 6 October**. By sleeping out for one night, you can give shelter to someone who has nowhere else to turn. We aim to raise £200,000 to ensure we can run all our shelters next winter, allowing about 100 men and women a safe, warm and dry place to sleep every night during the coldest months of the year. Register at www.glassdoor.org.uk

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