

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:

O God, early in the morning I cry to you.

Help me to pray and to concentrate my thoughts on you: I cannot do this alone.
In me there is darkness, but with you there is light; I am lonely, but you do not leave me;
I do not understand your ways, but you know the way for me. Restore me to liberty,
And enable me to live now Lord, whatever this day may bring, your name be praised.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Services today

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: Bishop Richard Harries
6pm	St Michael's Advent Carol Service	NO EVENSONG AT ST MARY'S BARNES

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 the week

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Gospel: Matthew 24 vv36-44

First Reading: Isaiah 2 vv1-5

Hymns for 10am: 45, separate sheet, 30, 41

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

Special Prayers for this week:

St Mary's outward giving projects: Age UK Richmond at the Barnes Green Day Centre

The sick, including Alastair Mackie, Joan Putz, Alan Mitchell, Marjorie Wing, June Blunt, Imogen Smith, Andrea Walshe

Anniversaries of death: Frederick Holst; Elizabeth du Parcq; Henry Pither

Those who have died: June Millar

This week

Mon to Fri daily	9.05am	Morning Prayer
Mondays	2.30pm	Sewing group as arranged (contact Rosie on 8876 5338)
Thursdays	10am	Home group meets for bible/book study at 2 Mill Hill Road. Anyone is welcome (contact Fiona 8878 6975)
Thurs 1 st Dec	11.15am	Quiet Time
	12 noon	Holy Communion (BCP): President & preacher: Rev'd Richard Sewell
Sat 3 rd Dec	10.30am	Coffee shop in the Melvill Room
Sunday	8am	Holy Communion (BCP):
4th December		President & preacher: Rev'd Ann Lynes
Second	10am	Parish Eucharist: President & preacher: Rev'd Richard Sewell
of Advent	11.30am	Informal Service with baptisms: Officiant: Rev'd Richard Sewell
	6pm	Evensong: Officiant: Christabel Gairdner

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Charity of the Month Age UK Richmond/Barnes Green Centre

Age UK Richmond believes that older age should be a cause for celebration. Health and wellbeing and ensuring that people are not alone underpins all our services. Loneliness and social isolation is now recognised nationally as harmful to health. The Barnes Green Centre is friendly and welcoming and offers a wide range of physical and creative activities together with the opportunity to make new friends. In common with all charities it is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain funding and the Centre needs constant upkeep. We are therefore very grateful for the continuing St Mary's support in being the charity of the month. Drop in to hear about our Information and Advice Service, Handyperson Scheme, Help at Home, IT tuition, Cooking, Outings or Walking Football for men, Support after coming out of Hospital, or simply to have a cup of coffee and a chat. Ring Jan Eaton on 02088762377.

St Mary's Posada: a way of entering the season of Advent is by taking a turn in hosting a box for 24 hours which contains a beautiful carving of Mary, Joseph and Jesus. It is then passed from person to person each day at which point hospitality might be shared. It's a wonderful way of helping to make the preparation for Christmas very special. Please sign up on the list at the back of Church to join in. Speak to Rev'd Richard for more details (020 8288 7690).

St Mary's Christmas Cards: are now on sale in the church from Monday to Saturday 10.30am to 2.30pm. If you wish to volunteer to fill any rota slots then please call Charlie Grainger on 07711 130851 or 020 8239 8861 or email her on christmascards@stmarybarnes.org

Waiting on God:

Four Advent Prayer Workshops

from 8-9pm in St Mary's Church each Tuesday in Advent
No prior experience necessary. Come as you are.

Tuesday 29th November

Teresa of Avila

Tuesday 6th December

Augustine of Hippo

Tuesday 13th December

The Silence Within

Tuesday 20th December

Julian of Norwich

Flyers at the back of church.

Junior Hand Bell practice starts after the morning service. We will finish at 12:30pm outside Kitson hall. Hot dog lunch will be provided! Speak to Charlie or JulieAnn for more details.

Barnes Charity Ball 2017 is on Friday 3rd February and there are a few tickets available for this wonderful local event that supports a number of local, national and international charities. Treat yourself to the most exciting formal event in Barnes. To apply for tickets, download the form from the website www.barnescharityball.org and make sure your application is in asap.

Barnes Music Festival 2017 programme listing has been published with 29 events from 11th to 26th March at venues across Barnes, centred on St Mary's. Pick up a leaflet from the back of the church and save the dates. Full programme details and tickets available from December.

Supporting vulnerable families with Richmond Welcare

New volunteer opportunities with Richmond Welcare, which is launching fresh initiatives to support vulnerable families in conjunction with Castlenau Community Centre and other community organisations in the Borough. Volunteer training is available and you will be supported by professionally qualified staff. Further information at www.welcare.org/volunteer
St. Mary's also needs a volunteer to be our link with Richmond Welcare and champion their work. We have been a major supporter of Welcare for many years. Please contact Celia Cleave on celia@cleave3.orangehome.co.uk or phone 88760254 for further information.

Sunday 4th December 4pm

Concert and Cakes with The Barnes Concert Band

At All Saints Church SW14 8AT, in aid of FiSH Neighbourhood Care's work in the community
Alan Goodall conducts music including works by Gershwin, Bernstein and Arnold.

All welcome Concert, Tea and Cakes, £5 on the door

Annual Human Rights Day Vigil: Saturday 10th December at 7.30pm. Barnes Baptist Church (Lonsdale Road).



Sunday 11th December:

Christingle at 11.30am

St Mary's Carol Service at 6pm

Saturday 24th December:

St Mary's Nativity Services at 3.30pm and 5pm
11.30pm Midnight Communion

Sunday 25th December

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Christmas Eucharist

11.30am Informal Service



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