

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.

A thought for the week

It is easy to love the people far away.
It is not always easy to love those close to us.
It is easier to give a cup of rice to relieve hunger than to
relieve the loneliness and pain of someone unloved in our own home.
Bring love into your home for this is where our love for each other must start.
Mother Teresa

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 27th October

8am	Holy Communion BCP	President & preacher: Rev'd Sister Margaret Anne
10am	Parish Eucharist	President & preacher: Rev'd Judith Roberts
6pm	Evensong	Officiant: Geoffrey Barnett

Collect for 27th October

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

First Reading: Jeremiah 14 vv7-10, 19-end **Gospel:** Luke 18 vv9-14 **10am hymns:** 826, 698, 587, 638

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.

Difficulty in hearing or reading?

There is a hearing loop system in this church. Just switch your NHS hearing aid to the 'T' position. Privately purchased aids may work differently; check your aid instructions. There are also large print service booklets and hymn books. Please ask a sidesperson if you need one.

Special Prayers: FiSH Neighbourhood Care

The sick, including Anne White, Monty & Maisie Brown, Sheila Wilson

Those who have died: Hugo Middleton, Roly Wickenden, Mildred Selby, Cynthia Armstrong, Stephen Elkington, Markham Jackson

Anniversaries of death: Norma Smith, Frank White

This week

Mon to Fri	9.05am	Morning Prayer in the Langton Chapel
Mondays	3pm	Sewing group (contact Rosie on 8876 5338)
Thurs 31st Oct	11.15am	Quiet Time in the church
	12 noon	Holy Communion (BCP): President & preacher: Rev'd Nicholas Roberts
Sat 2 nd Nov	10.30am	Coffee Shop in the Melvill Room
Sun 3 rd Nov	8am	Holy Communion (BCP): President & preacher: Rev'd Sister Margaret Anne
All Saints/	10am	All Age Parish Eucharist: President & preacher: Rev'd James Hutchings
All Souls		<i>First Reading: Ephesians 1 vv11-15</i> <i>Gospel: Luke 6 vv20-31</i>
	6pm	All Souls' Service: Officiant: Rev'd James Hutchings

Who is my neighbour, and do they need help?

Over 50 years ago a small group of church goers in East Sheen asked the question 'Who is my neighbour?'. As a result, **FiSH Neighbourhood Care** was born and, all these years later, continues to combat loneliness and social isolation in older and vulnerable people living in Barnes, Mortlake and East Sheen, enabling them to live independent and dignified lives, connecting the community through a volunteer network offering friendship, support and practical help. If you or somebody you know could do with help from FiSH, please get in touch. If you have some time to spare, why not think about becoming a FiSH volunteer? You will meet some amazing people and make a real difference within the community. Many of our volunteers say they gain far more than they give.

To find out more, please call FISH on 020 8876 3335/6 during office hours or visit www.fishhelp.org.uk

All Souls' Service – Sun 3rd November at 6pm

The sheet for names of loved ones to be remembered is now out at the back of church. These will be read out at the service on the 3rd November.

St Michael's Church Hall Project Community Evening Monday 4th November 8-9.30pm

Saint Michael's wishes to share and consult with as many people in the community on some initial designs from a company tendering for the project to build a new Church Hall to replace the current one on Elm Bank Gardens. Many of you will have gone to parties, classes and other events taking place in the Hall over the years. You can find out about the background to this on the Church Hall Project pages on the St Michael's website www.stmichaelbarnes.org The evening will take the form of an informal 'drop-in' where you can talk to members of the PCC. We also invite you to fill out a feedback form and refreshments will be provided. For those unable to attend, the designs will be available to view afterwards in the church and on the website. We are looking forward to creating a new hall for all that our community needs.

Please join **Richmond's Interfaith Devotional on the 11th November 2019** at St Mary's Barnes.

The programme will start at 7.30 pm.

We will read edifying prayers and readings on the theme of HOPE and UNITY. These readings will come from various Sacred Texts and Philosophers and will be interspersed with uplifting music.

The program will be no more than 30 minutes. You are then warmly welcomed to join us for refreshments.

Report from the PCC:

At our PCC meeting last week:

- we endorsed James' proposal that we extend the opening hours of the church up to mid-afternoon (soon, from a date yet to be decided), because of the number of visitors who want to come into church;
- we agreed that St Mary's should continue to lead the organisation of the Barnes street collection for Christian Aid week, one of the main events of the year of our strategy for outreach to the world;
- we planned for refresher training in our important responsibilities for safeguarding our vulnerable members; we need to retrain PCC members and sidespeople, as well as those working with our children. We will be asking you for your help on all these issues soon. Full PCC minutes are in the porch.

If you would value access to some online resources to help you with your faith Monday-Saturday rather than just on Sunday, you are encouraged to look at www.churchofengland.org/connecteddisciples

Connected Disciples is being piloted in this archdeaconry. You get access to resources for prayer or study individually but also with an encouragement to link up with others in the church, either as a virtual group or to get together informally to share your responses. I'd be interested to hear from anyone who takes a look and tries this out. James.

Christmas Fair: Saturday 23rd November 10am – 3pm

Its Half Term and its only 2 months until Christmas so a great time to have a clear out at home - as we need your Donations. We have placed a box at the back of church to collect items for the Christmas Fair. We need **BOTTLES** of wine or soft drink for the Tombola as well as **BRIC A BRAC** items. We are also after any **RAFFLE** or **SILENT AUCTION** prizes that you are able to offer. Finally, a request for your homemade **MARMALADE** given how popular this was last year. You can bring these in and place them in the box for us to collect or you can contact Kate Cowell (kate.cowell@gmail.com)

Marketing: We would love some help **DISTRIBUTING** leaflets for the fair. We have placed leaflets into bundles for the roads in Barnes and we would be grateful if you could like your road / neighbouring roads and help distribute to your neighbours.

"Berlioz from B to Z" on 7 Nov at 7.30pm:

an illustrated talk by Alastair Aberdare, Chairman of the Berlioz Society and Barnes resident. Berlioz was one of the most innovative and influential composers of the 19th century, acclaimed for his *Symphonie Fantastique* and many other works and this year is the 150th anniversary of his death. The talk covers the composer's life and works accompanied by a host of visual and musical illustrations. Tickets £12 from ticketsource.co.uk/stmarybarnes

Barnes Charity Ball 7 February 2020: theme for this year's ball has been announced as **The 80's** (think shoulder pads, puffed gowns, diamanté). Tickets for this highlight of the social calendar are now on sale from barnescharityball.com or pick up a booking form from the back of the church.

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