

Welcome to St Mary's. We are delighted that church services have resumed. As requested by the Department for Health and Social Care, we will keep your details safely and in compliance with GDPR legislation for 21 days before securely disposing of or deleting them. We will only share your details with NHS Test and Trace, if asked, in the event that it is needed to help stop the spread of coronavirus. We will not use your details for any other purposes or pass them on to anyone else. Please download the NHS Covid-19 App on your phone so that you can scan the unique QR code we now have on posters throughout the church. You will need to do this each time you attend St Mary's Barnes. This is in addition to signing in with the sidespeople on the front desk. Along with using the provided hand sanitiser and maintaining social distancing, **wearing a face covering** is now mandatory, unless you are exempt for medical reasons. Please do not attend if you are experiencing any symptoms. Those leading services, including readings and prayers are not required to wear face coverings unless they are within 2 metres of others. The priest will wear a covering for the administration of Holy Communion. Please do not attend if you are experiencing any Coronavirus symptoms. We will continue to put services [online](#) for those unable to come to church.

Prayer for the week

If the only prayer you said was thank you, that would be enough.
Eckhart Tolle

8am Holy Communion (BCP) led by Bishop Richard Harries

10am Parish Eucharist: President: Rev'd James Hutchings, Preacher: Geoffrey Barnett

The Choral Scholars will be singing live this Sunday

Sunday Club is back. It will be in the Ellerton Room, and parents & carers are asked to take children to the Melvill Room entrance rather than go through the church. The children will come back in at the usual time and will return to sit with their families.

No Evensong at St Mary's we have been invited to join the 6pm Patronal Festival Service at St Michael's & All Angels

If you regularly attend one of our services then do take an Order of Service booklet home with you and please remember to bring it to use when you attend again. We are trying to avoid booklets being handed out repeatedly between people from different households.

Other services and events

Morning Prayer 8.45am Monday-Friday in the Langton Chapel. You can join Morning Prayer live on Facebook www.facebook.com/stmarybarnes/ at 8.45am or anytime after it ends. *You don't have to be a Facebook member to watch it (just click 'not now' when it prompts you to join).*

Thursday 1st October 12 noon Holy Communion (BCP) led by Rev'd Sister Margaret Anne

Collect for 27th September 2020

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill them; 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 for ever. Amen.

First Reading: Philippians 2:1-13 **Gospel:** Matthew 21:23-32

Special Prayers: [Christian Solidarity Worldwide](#)

The sick, including Isabelle, Jackie Northen, William McGowan, Irene May Wilson, Anne White, Monty & Maisie Brown, Liz Fergusson **Anniversaries of death:** Robert Walker, Edward Shillington
Those who have died: Tony White, Anthony Land

Thank you to all those who donated food items at Harvest Festival last Sunday. We donated 75 kilos of food to the [Richmond Foodbank](#).

Anyone with a particular interest in Christian Solidarity Worldwide is welcome to contact me to join a Zoom meeting with the charity on Tuesday 29th September at 11am. And a preacher from CSW will be with us at the 10am service on 18th October. revdames@stmarybarnes.org

CHURCH OPEN DAILY FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION

Welcome to St Mary's, whether you are joining us in the church or online.

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Online Church: The Parish Eucharist is recorded and available by early afternoon on the St Mary's YouTube channel, which can be found by using the web link shown here: [YouTube](#) It can also be found on the [Online Church](#) page on our website, where you will also find links to Morning Prayer, other services, music and children's resources and photo gallery. You can join Morning Prayer live on Facebook www.facebook.com/stmarybarnes/ at 8.45am or anytime after it ends. *You don't have to be a Facebook member to watch it (just click 'not now' when it prompts you to join).*

Creationtide Zoom Study Group

Our new group looks at some readings for the season of "creationtide".

During September and October, the Church of England, encourages us to focus on God as creator and sustainer of all life. Each week we will look at a bible reading on this theme, and discuss it in a similar way to our recent groups on Acts and Philipians. Our second session is on Monday 28th September at 2.30pm and looks at the worship of creation. It isn't too late to join the group so please let me know if you would be interested. revdjames@stmarybarnes.org The resources can be found on the link below

[Creationtide Discussion Materials](#)

Informal congregational meeting, 4th October 2020

We will not have a formal annual church meeting this year. However legally churchwardens need to be sworn in every year. So this year, I have delegated authority from the Archdeacon to do this, and will do so on Sunday 4th October before the blessing at the end of the 10am service. Following the service we will have a short informal meeting at which we will summarise our response to the current crisis, and take questions on this.

I hope we can deliver a coffee to you in your seat to encourage you to stay on!

The meeting will also be recorded.

[Sleep Out to Give Others Shelter](#)

Glass Door Homeless Charity will be hosting its annual Sleep Out (or in) on 2nd October 2020. Sadly, the event in the Duke of York Square isn't possible, but I will be in my tent in the rectory garden, joining a virtual sleepout! It's not too late if you want to do the same - even sleeping on the floor inside your house. I am hoping to raise at least £500 for this vital work. If you aren't able to join me for the sleepout, I would be grateful for any donation you can make, either via this link <https://www.glassdoor.org.uk/fundraisers/james-hutchings-sleep-out-or-in-fundraising-page>, or by cheque made payable to Glass Door via the parish office.

Glass Door works to support and shelter those in our community who are at absolute crisis point. Glass Door welcomes everyone as a guest, giving them stability before helping them make the necessary steps to move off the streets for good. The charity has remained open to help those facing homelessness throughout the pandemic and is committed to finding ways to ensure that individuals in need can find safe shelter and a warm welcome this winter and beyond. With a quarter of a million people at risk of losing their tenancy in coming months (according to Shelter), Glass Door's services will be needed more than ever over this next year. "The rise in homelessness is a scandal, and we will continue to do all we can to get people off the streets and into shelters. But we can't do it alone," says Rev Brian Leathard, Chair of Trustees at Glass Door and Rector at St Luke's and Christ Church, Chelsea.

To register or find out more, let me know and please visit www.glassdoor.org.uk or call the charity on 020 7351 4948. revdjames@stmarybarnes.org

Text Giving: To donate to support the maintenance and work of St Mary's, text STMARYBARNES to 70450, adding the amount you wish to give (i.e. to donate £5 text STMARYBARNES5/ for £10 text STMARYBARNES10 and so on). Texts cost your donation plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text STMARYBARNESNOINFO to 70450 adding the amount as above (i.e. £5 STMARYBARNESNOINFO5).

Church scrapbooks: will be featured on the [History & Architecture](#) page on our website and on social media.

Look out for the new [Barnes Charity Fashion Week](#) from 10th to 17th October!

The legendary Barnes Charity Fashion Show at St Mary's is not able to go ahead this year due to covid restrictions. But we do want to support both our valued Barnes fashion boutiques as well as our charities at a time which has been especially challenging for them. So during Barnes Fashion Week from 10th to 17th October 2020, we're launching the new Barnes Fashion Trail along with media activities, special offers in all the participating shops, and exclusive fashion in Barnes. There is also the opportunity to support our local charity [FiSH Neighbourhood Care](#), as well as [St Mary's Barnes](#), which has been so important to many in Barnes during the pandemic restrictions. Please make your donation at justgiving.com/campaign/barnesfashionforcharities Keep up to date with latest news on Barnes fashion by joining the mailing list at rb.gy/ykxazo and following us on [Instagram @BarnesFashion](#)

Save the date for Friends Choral Evensong on Sunday 18 October at 6pm

This annual service will include a mix of choral and instrumental music with performances by the Barnes Young Musicians of the Year 2020. Pre-booking will be required (details next week).

Appeal from the Barnes Community Association. We need your help.

Following last week's widely-reported protest meeting, the Broken Bridge Broken London pressure group has started a petition asking the Government to fund either a new bridge or repairs for Hammersmith bridge:

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/549607>

Within the first 72 hours it was signed by over 15,000 supporters.

This means that now the Government must respond. However, in order for the issue to be considered for a debate we need to have 100,000 signatures. Please sign the petition using the link above. Then forward the link to your relatives, friends and business contacts asking them to do likewise.

FiSH is seeking a new Chair of Trustees

Following the recent announcement that Crispin O'Brien will be stepping down as Chair of Trustees, FiSH Neighbourhood Care is seeking a new Chair. Applicants should be able to demonstrate strong leadership credentials and ideally have charity or volunteering experience Full details are available at: <https://www.fishhelp.org.uk/news.html> Closing date for applications: 30 September 2020.

Covid-19 Appeal for children's duvet covers

A local team of needleworkers is keen to receive any children's duvet covers to make into child friendly scrubs.

They have had a surge in requests from children's hospitals and outpatients, where masks and visors can be frightening for children and it's difficult to get child friendly scrubs. The team is currently making scrubs for the Royal Brompton paediatric wards and Great Ormond Street Hospital. If you have suitable duvet covers you wish to donate please contact Sheila at: 07711 284096 or sheilatreadaway@gmail.com

Alternatively if you wish to donate money so that the team can buy fabrics, please use:

[The Scrubbery - South London](#)

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.

St Mary's charity of the month: [Christian Solidarity Worldwide](#)

CSW is a charity that aims to fight those who are persecuted for their religion – whatever that religion is. They seek to empower communities to advocate justice, peace and tolerance. They work closely with businesses, young people and adults – unlocking potential and helping develop organizations and individuals alike. CSW frequently sends teams of volunteers to document first-hand evidence of suppression of freedom of religion, in order to inform establishments like the United Nations, the European Union and the American Congress. CSW challenges and encourages these institutions and others in power to create lasting change and a more peaceful world. There is religious persecution, especially of Christians, in scores of countries throughout the world. Currently, CSW are campaigning in Myanmar (Burma), India and Sudan. Please pray for those who are persecuted for their faith, and for CSW as they work to help them. You can make a donation at csw.org.uk

Prayer for Christian Solidarity Worldwide

Dear Lord, In countries across the globe different religious communities experience numerous violations at the hands of repressive authorities, dominant religious communities or tribes, or extremist groups. We come together in solidarity to pray for all those affected by religious persecution worldwide and strive to free all communities suffering at the hands of intolerance. Amen