

Welcome to St Mary's. The good news is that services in church will resume on 5th July. We are waiting for national guidelines on the detail, but there will be a cap on numbers, so we may have to operate a way to allocate places or have additional services. We will also be putting services online, so please go to our website and social media for updates. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram @stmarybarnes

A prayer for the re-opening of churches

O God from whom all blessings flow, I turn to you in gratitude for St Mary's Church for every faithful footstep taken within its walls, and every petition prayed, for every story shared, the ordinary and the extraordinary from generation to generation.

Thank you that in the silence of our absence

You were still here, as well as with your people.

As we begin to return, grant to us all the wisdom to stay safe,
the comfort of your peace and joy in coming home.

Now these doors are opened once again
let your Spirit flow out of me and all who come here,
bringing life, hope and healing to our community.

Amen.

The following online services are all available on Revd James Hutchings YouTube channel, which can be found by searching for James Hutchings Barnes in the YouTube search box or by using the web address shown here: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCi26nEN_40x70dOYVcu5KA

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist: led by Rev'd James Hutchings

First Reading – Giles Dimock, Intercessions – Christabel Gairdner

6pm Evensong led by Christabel Gairdner

The online Sunday Club will again be at 11am via Zoom

Collect for 28th June

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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.

First Reading: Genesis 22.1-14 **Gospel:** Matthew 10.40-end

Special Prayers: [Under Tree Schools](#)

The sick, including Isabelle, Jackie Northen, William McGowan, Jane Thomas, Irene May Wilson, Anne White, Monty & Maisie Brown, Anthony Miller, Janet Skilbeck

Anniversaries of death: Lilian Read, Owen Russell, Rene Van-Kuijk, Christine Yandle

Those who have died: Ken Jenkins

Welcome back! As restrictions ease I am pleased that our employees who have been furloughed are able to return for some of their hours in July. Jackie and Julie will be working a small number of hours as they plan ahead for services and activities with children, young people and families. Although choir and congregation singing is not yet permitted, Henry will be back to accompany us for the Parish Eucharist. And Cheryl will resume some of her hours administering bookings at Kitson Hall. We will continue to keep hours under review as things change.

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CHURCH OPENING FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

I am pleased that the church is now open daily for private prayer and reflection, usually 9am-5pm, and it has been good to see people back in church. There has been a great response to the request for volunteer welcomers, so most hours are now covered. Everyone using the church will be asked to clean their hands with the sanitizer available at the entrance, when they arrive and depart. A face covering is not a requirement, although may be your preference. The church will be cleaned regularly. The good news is that services in church will resume on 5th July. We are waiting for national guidelines on the detail, but there will be a cap on numbers, so we may have to operate a way to allocate places or have additional services.

A variety of services will continue to be available online on my [YouTube channel](#) and at the [St Mary Barnes Facebook page](#). Details of these and other activities can also be found on www.stmarybarnes.org.

Learning from the lockdown: We are all hoping that good can come out of the many tragedies caused by the pandemic and lockdown. Reflection on this is happening across organisations, but I hope that as a parish church St Mary's can do this in a distinctive way among its congregation and wider parish community. It would be really good to hear from you about how the lockdown affected you in your particular context, and what you think could be done by St Mary's, the community in Barnes and wider society to build a better future.

Hearing how faith has impacted on this could be one element but there are no theological expectations! There are a couple of ways I am thinking about to do this. One is simply to record your response (10 minutes max) to this and we can then put this up on YouTube and the website for others to see. The other is to have a Zoom gathering in which I could ask you these questions, and others could then have a chance to contribute.

Eventually we may also be able to have these discussions face to face, but that seems some way off at the moment. To start with, please contact me if you would like to take part in either way - in no particular order and just as examples it would be great to hear from the perspective of the NHS and care sectors, education, any type of business and services, retail, hospitality, public services, the environment, home schooling, volunteering, the impact on being in isolation, lockdown with a large household or on your own. The starting point would be your story but stimulating a debate with wider views will also be good!

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Join us for a joint St Mary's and St Michael's 'Virtual Coffee' on Zoom this Sunday at 11.30am for half an hour.

There will be a small prize for the most most interesting/amusing cup or mug!

Topic: Virtual Coffee, 11.30am

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81041988447>

Meeting ID: 810 4198 8447

Weddings verger(s) needed!: Our current weddings verger, Hilary Cooper is retiring from the role which she has done so well, and so we need one or more people to take her place. The verger welcomes the congregation on arrival, giving out orders of service and providing other practical information. Usually the verger also comes to the rehearsal a day or two before to meet the couple and so there is someone else other than the priest who is aware of any particular requirements. St Mary's has about 10 weddings a year, usually on a Saturday. This is an opportunity to be the friendly face of the church and to be able to join in the joy of the wedding day. It would be good if two or three people would like to do this, so that dates can be shared out.

There is a payment made to the verger for each wedding they attend. Please let me know if you would be interested or like to know more. revdjames@stmarybarnes.org

Philippians Zoom group: Following on from our recent group looking at excerpts from Acts of the Apostles, I will be leading a similar group, following the same format, this time on St Paul's Letter to the Philippians. This is a short letter of 4 chapters, providing a neat basis for a 4-week course on Mondays 29 June, 6, 13 and 20 July all at 2.30pm. I will send a zoom invitation to everyone who took part in the previous course. If you would like an invitation, please let me know. This is an inspiring epistle full of thanks in the face of suffering, sublime language about following Christ, and practical matters in living as God's people in a church community.

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These links have some good and straightforward reflections for prayer and action linked to this Sunday's gospel:

[Roots on the web for Adults](#)

[Roots on the web for Children & Families](#)

More tea Rector? As lockdown eases somewhat, do let me know if you would like me to visit sometime. I can bring my own mug and flask and chair, and we could chat in a garden or through your window depending on your circumstances or have a socially distanced walk. Monday-Wednesday afternoons are usually available for me at the moment. revdjames@stmarybarnes.org

Annual Review online: This week it is St Mary Barnes Scout Group Report and their piece can be viewed [here](#).

Church scrapbooks online: One year per week at a time will be featured on the [History & Architecture](#) page on our website and on social media. This week we continue with 1987.

For the love of scrubs: I am supporting a local group of volunteers based in and around Putney and Barnes who are sewing to make up scrubs for local hospitals and care homes. We have two volunteers who are cutting the patterns ready and they really need any fabric or material that anyone can donate. There may be parishioners sorting out their linen cupboards or people spare rolls of fabric that they might offer or sell at cost for this worthy cause. The fabric would need to be washable at 60° so cotton or polycotton would be preferred. See the group on [Facebook](#) and they also have a [Giving](#) page should you wish to donate money. Sheila Treadaway 07711 284096 sheilatreadaway@gmail.com

The Richmond Charities is opening a new block of Almshouses in Twickenham this summer, for the elderly in our borough who are in need of housing and living on a limited income. If you meet the eligibility criteria (over 65 and living on a limited income, able to live independently, have been living in Richmond borough for at least 5 years) and would like to be considered. Please call 020 8948 4188 or email info@richmondcharities.org.uk

Barnes Cares is co-ordinated by the Barnes Community Association. [Barnes Cares](#)

Richmond Council Community Hub: 0208 8716555 or covid19support@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk

[Richmond Foodbank](#) The Castelnau Centre, 7 Stillingfleet Road, Barnes SW13 9AQ accept donations from 9.15am-11.15am on Friday mornings. You can also leave donations in the box in church near the entrance.

St Mary's charity of the month: [Under Tree Schools](#)

The school for girls in South Sudan that we at St Mary's support is facing the same problem as the rest of the world: Covid 19. Since late March, all schools in South Sudan have been closed by Government order. South Sudan got its first cases of the virus rather later than Europe, and the numbers are still rising. Most cases so far have been in the capital Juba, but we understand that the nearest big town to the school has now found some cases too. We hope that by being out in a very rural area the school will be able to avoid a serious problem. The headmaster tells us that the staff of the school are taking the need for caution seriously. Though they cannot teach at present, they are of course still being paid.

There are some bright pieces of news through the gloom of the virus. Free food that has been provided by an international aid agency for the girls' school lunches is being redirected to enable the pupils to take it home. Alongside their academic work the school was teaching some of the girls sewing as a useful skill, perhaps a career for some of them. A new sewing machine has been bought to replace one that the girls had worked into the ground. The school needs a new computer and printer so they can provide worksheets for the girls, and also communicate with us back in London. The ones they have been using have also come to the end of their useful lives; and the school has been donated money to buy new ones. We hope that the new equipment will arrive at the school next week.

Learn more about UTS through our website www.undertreeschools.org or contact Peter Boyling, one of the trustees, on 07962 976755.

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.