

Welcome to St Mary's. We are not able to worship together in public currently but do look at our website and social media @stmarybarnes to keep in touch with us during the Coronavirus crisis. Our pastoral care volunteers have been phoning around the congregation to keep in touch. If you haven't had a call, or would like another, or you don't think we have your number, please let us know. If you have received this pewsheet through your letterbox and have an email address, please let us have one so we can keep in touch with your electronically.

Prayer for a Pandemic

May we who are merely inconvenienced, remember those whose lives are at stake

May we who have no risk factors, remember those most vulnerable

May we who have the luxury of working from home, remember those who must choose between preserving their health and paying their rent

May we who have to cancel our trips, remember those with no safe place to go

May we who have to self-isolate at home, remember those who have no home

As fear grips the world, let us choose love

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other

Let us find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbours. Amen

The Parish Eucharist will be recorded early on Sunday morning and be available by 10am on Rev'd James Hutchings YouTube channel, this can be found by searching for James Hutchings Barnes in the YouTube search box or by using the web address shown below:

www.youtube.com/channel/UCi26nEN_40x70dOYVcul5KA

Collect for 29th March

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, Amen

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14 **Gospel:** John 11:1-45

Special Prayers: Bishop's Lent Appeal 2020

The sick, including Anne White, Monty & Maisie Brown, Sheila Wilson, Isabelle, Christopher Browne, Caroline Browne **Anniversaries of death:** John Wisdom, Robert Cousins, Gordon Robertson, Sylvia Howell, Marianne Clark, Lilian Price

Those who have died: Dennis Napier, David Clifford, Archie Beston, Beatrice

Please see important church information on second page of this pewsheet
Local Community Support Information:

Barnes Cares

This is the name being given to all the work being done locally to help those in need and who want to volunteer and is co-ordinated by the Barnes Community Association. If you go to the web address shown below you can see a full list of helpful numbers and information regarding prescriptions, food deliveries and much more. www.barnes-ca.org/community-blog/barnescares

Richmond Council have set-up a Community Hub to co-ordinate the support being offered by the Council and Richmond's many voluntary organisations. From Tuesday 24 March, they are launching a new helpline as a first response for residents, particularly those elderly and/or vulnerable without support networks, who need support to access medical/care services and food supplies. This is to help those most in need stay safe and well while they self-isolate at home.

The Government is launching its Local Support Scheme, which will link in with the Community Hub to support those for whom self-isolation is most critical. If you or someone you know needs this support, please contact **0208 871 6555** or covid19support@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk.

This helpline can also be used for other enquiries related to COVID-19, for anyone in need of support.

Coronavirus

New instructions on our church building; and our worship

You may have seen there were new guidelines for churches from the Archbishops and these mean that the church building is now fully closed, even for us to be able to record or livestream a service as we had started doing. The reason is to model best practice in not making additional journeys from home to the church, or to give the impression that the church isn't taking the crisis as seriously as it should. So, no-one who is a key holder should be going into the church unless it is absolutely essential and have discussed it with the churchwardens or me first. Cheryl is working from home and so do please keep using the church office phone and email as a contact point. I am therefore saying morning prayer from the rectory and this is on YouTube as previously advised on the front page of the pewsheets.

Rev'd Sister Margaret Anne is writing Daily Reflections on the Richmond Deanery website, you can see this and other useful resources for reflection and worship at richmondandbarnesdeanery.org.uk

A suggestion from the Bishop of Southwark I would encourage, is that we **say the Lord's Prayer at 1pm and 7pm each day**, knowing that many others will be doing the same.

Churches Together in England have also suggested **lighting a candle in your window each evening**, if safe to do so, as a symbol of Christ's light in our world at this dark time.

Don't forget the **Foodbank**, at a time when many are facing hard times.

You can donate food by dropping it off to the food bank at the Castelnau Centre, 7 Stillingfleet Road, Barnes SW13 9AQ, 9.15am-11.15am on Friday mornings. It is hoped that other ways of dropping off donations at the OSO or elsewhere will be set up in the week ahead. The Barnes Foodbank is a satellite arm of the Richmond Foodbank which is run by the Trussell Trust, you can donate money which will help the Trust buy the items they most need, please see details on www.trusselltrust.org/getinvolved/waystogive/

Celia Cleave shares this link to a moving musical composition fit for our times <https://youtu.be/4nV8NakYNfs>

Please do have a look at our website News page for latest updates and useful information for prayer and worship resources www.stmarybarnes.org

It is a time of great uncertainty, but also one in which many lights are shining in the darkness. Keep safe and be assured that God is with each one of us, and may you know his strength, peace and compassion.

With every blessing,

James

Revd James Hutchings

Barnes Team Rector and Vicar of St Mary

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.

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