

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.

*If Candlemas be fair and bright,
Come winter, have another flight;
If Candlemas bring clouds and rain,
Go winter, and come not again.*
Old English song

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 2nd February

8am	Holy Communion BCP	President & preacher: Rev'd James Hutchings
10am	Parish Eucharist	President: Rev'd James Hutchings Preacher: Canon Jay Colwill
11.30 – 12.30pm	Mission in Many Dimensions	Canon Jay Colwill
6pm	Evensong	Officiant: Geoffrey Barnett

Collect for 2nd February

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.

First Reading: Isaiah 55 vv1-9

Gospel: John 6 vv1-14

10am hymns: 719, 74, 634, 808

(Standard readings for Candlemas: First Reading: Malachi 3 vv1-5 Gospel: Luke 2 vv22-40)

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: Glass Door, the homeless charity

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

Those who have died: Alan Mitchell, William Blaise Algar, Susan Gibson, Michael Balfour

Anniversaries of death: Andrew Darke; Harold Mills

This week

Mon to Fri	9.05am	Morning Prayer in the Langton Chapel
Mondays	3pm	Sewing group (contact Rosie on 8876 5338)
Thurs 6 th Feb	11-11.50am	Refreshments with the Rector in the Melvill Room
	11.15am	Quiet Time in the church
	12 noon	Holy Communion (BCP): President & preacher: Rev'd James Hutchings
Sat 8 th Feb	10.30am	Coffee Shop at the back of church, free coffee, courtesy of Barnes Ball
Sun 9 th Feb	8am	Holy Communion (BCP): President & preacher: Bishop Richard Harries
Third before Lent	10am	All Age Parish Eucharist: President & preacher: Rev'd James Hutchings <i>First Reading: Isaiah 58 vv1-9a Gospel: Matthew 5 vv13-20</i>
	11.45am	Informal Service with baptisms: Officiant: Rev'd James Hutchings
	6pm	Evensong: Officiant: Rev'd James Hutchings

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Glass Door

Homelessness is an increasing challenge. Our charity this winter month of January is Glass Door (so called after the glass front door of its HQ in the King's Road). Glass Door provides a sustaining evening meal, overnight accommodation and breakfast for homeless people during the winter months, including here in Barnes, and year-round support including laundry, showers, food and advice about accommodation and employment. St Mary's contribution helps to support this vital work.

Mission in Many Dimensions, Sunday 2 February 11.30am-12.30pm. On this special day of Candlemas, when the baby Jesus was recognised as the 'light of the world', we welcome Rev'd Canon Jay Colwill as our guest preacher. Jay is coming to help us think about how we can grow in mission as individuals and as a church family. The purpose is to help us live out our faith in the rest of our lives beyond the church building; how St Mary's can better serve the community of Barnes; and where God might be calling us next as a church family.

Three articles by **Richard Harries**, which appeared in the Church Times, are now available on the church website. "Christian life in a sceptical age"; "Coming in from the outside" and "The appeal to personal experience".

Alan Mitchell: the funeral for Alan, a much loved and respected member of this community - will be held here at St Mary's at **2pm on Monday 10th February.**

BBC Radio 4 Sunday Worship live from St Mary's! I am delighted to let you know that St Mary's is going to host the regular BBC Radio 4 Sunday Worship at 8.10am on **Sunday 23rd February.** This has been prompted by the success of Anna Hastrup in our choir becoming BBC Young Chorister of the Year, and Anna will sing at the service along with the rest of the church choir. As it is a live broadcast, members of the congregation will need to be in their seats by 7.45am, and it will finish promptly at 8.50am. Due to these unique circumstances the 8am Holy Communion will not take place that day. For those wishing to receive Holy Communion, there will be the usual Parish Eucharist taking place at 10am. We will be providing refreshments between the two services for those who would like to be at both. Due to the preparation for this service, we will not have a choral evensong on 9th Feb as planned, I will lead said evensong as usual in the Langton Chapel. The next choral evensong will be at the end of the music festival. *Rev'd James Hutchings*

On **Saturday 29th February** we will be holding Safeguarding Training from 9.30-12.30 in the Ellerton Room. If you, as part of your valuable services to St. Mary's, work with children or vulnerable adults, you are warmly invited to attend. The session is run by Jean Cooper, an experienced Diocesan trainer. Thank you to everyone who has contacted Natasha Mold regarding attendance. If you would like to attend, please do email or ring her. natashamold@gmail.com 07766 708907

Lost Property: Today is the last chance for you to reclaim your lost property. A fine array of items including spectacles, water bottles, gloves, scarves, shoes, umbrellas and even car keys are laid out at the back of the church. Please reclaim any which are yours by 3rd February after which they will be donated to a charity shop.

Greenbelt Festival 28-31 August

Alice and I are going to Greenbelt, which is the largest Christian festival where 11,000+ gather for a vibrant programme of talks, music & arts, worship and other activities set in the beautiful landscaped grounds of Boughton Estate, near Kettering. Most people camp, but you don't have to (we're not!). It's a great way to gather with others seeking a big-hearted and open-minded approach to the Christian faith, and simply enjoy a festival over the bank holiday weekend. We're not organising anything formal from St Mary's, but we would encourage others to consider it - have a look at the website and talk to us if you want to know more. <https://www.greenbelt.org.uk> Rev'd James.

Welcoming Children into Communion 2020

If your child is at least seven years old and would like to receive communion then s/he will need to attend the Welcoming Children into Communion classes. This year there are four classes on the following dates: Sunday 5th April at 11.45am, Sunday 26th April at 4pm, Sunday 3rd May at 4pm, Sunday 10th May at 4pm. Rehearsal for Service - Saturday 16th May - 5pm. Welcome into Communion Service - 10am Sunday 17th May. There are sign up flyers at the back of church.

Barnes Music Festival 2020 tickets are now on sale. This year's theme is *Musical Journeys* with 35 events at St Mary's and other venues across Barnes from 7th to 22nd March featuring orchestral, choral, opera, instrumental and jazz to suit all tastes. Pick up the new festival brochure at the back of the church. Tickets in person from Chestertons offices and online at barnesmusicfestival.com

Over 1000 Years of Barnes History: this free booklet which gives a timeline of Barnes history since AD 925 has proved very popular with Barnes residents and visitors and has now been re-printed. If you have not already seen it, please take a copy and give one to your neighbours.

Please contact James, if you or anyone you know, has a pastoral concern.

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