

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. If you are able, wearing a face covering to services is strongly encouraged. Please do not attend if you are experiencing any symptoms. We will continue to put services [online](#) for those unable to come to church. Full details of our plans for services can be found [here](#).

Prayer for the week

Great and glorious God, and Thou Lord Jesus,
I pray you shed abroad your light in the darkness of my mind.
Be found of me, Lord, so that in all things
I may act only in accordance with Thy holy will.
St. Francis of Assisi

8am Holy Communion (BCP) led by Rev'd Sister Margaret Anne
10am Parish Eucharist: President & preacher: Bishop Richard Harries
The Choral Scholars will be singing live this Sunday
6pm Evensong led by Geoffrey Barnett

Other services and events

Morning Prayer 8.45am Monday-Friday in the Langton Chapel
Please note new time from Monday 31st August 2020

Please note Rev'd James Hutchings is now on holiday until Sunday 13th September, therefore Morning Prayer will not be streamed live and there will be no Weekly Message until he returns

Thursday 3rd September 12 noon Holy Communion (BCP) led by Rev'd Sister Margaret Anne
(I am coffee time not currently possible)

Collect for 30th August

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Romans 12 vv9-end

Gospel: Matthew 16 vv21-end

Special Prayers: [Age UK Richmond](#)

The sick, including Isabelle, Jackie Northen, William McGowan, Jane Thomas, Irene May Wilson, Anne White, Monty & Maisie Brown, Liz Fergusson

Those who have died: Sir Ken Robinson, Janice Fox

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CHURCH OPEN DAILY FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION

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

If you are coming to the church, we will ask for your contact details if we don't already have them, in line with NHS Test and Trace regulations. 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. 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. The church continues to be open 9am-5pm. You are asked to clean hands with the sanitizer at the entrance on arrival and departure. Please remember to social distance.

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).*

Live Music is back in Barnes

Director of Music, Henry Chandler will play the first live music event in Barnes since March at 7pm on Thursday 3rd September 2020 with pianist, John Paul Ekins. Programme: Bach: Chaconne, Beethoven: Violin Sonata No 6 and Brahms: Violin Sonata No 1
Due to the limited seating please book your ticket in advance through <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/musicaroundthepark>

Start of term and back to church!

We have two Sundays of particular celebration to look forward to in September. On **13th September**, we have our Patronal Festival Service at 10am, when we remember St Mary and give thanks annually for the life of our parish. This year I am pleased we will have as our guest preacher Rev'd Canon James Milne, who is the Canon Precentor at St Paul's Cathedral. St Paul's are patrons of this parish and James was at my licensing last July with the Dean David Ison.

On **20th September**, we will have a short all-age Eucharist at 10am to celebrate Harvest. We particularly invite families who may not have been back since lockdown. There will be reserved seating for larger family households. Our children's worker Jackie and our young people will be involved in leading. Please come with donations of food as symbols of all the good things God gives us. Preferably non-perishable, which we will then donate to the Foodbank. There will also be a "book bag blessing" - children are invited to bring their book bag, and adults to bring an equivalent for you which symbolises your work or other occupations!

New zoom study group, starting 21st September

Our new group will look 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 Philippians.

Our group will meet online at 2.30pm for an hour for 5 weekly sessions, from Monday 21st September to Monday 19th October inclusive. If you would like to join please let me know, and I will send you the zoom invitation a few days before. If you want to get ahead the full resources are on this link

[Creationtide Discussion Materials](#)

You will see that each week a number of readings, biblical and other, are given, and you might like to choose one each day, but this is an optional extra. I will choose one for our group discussion and compose some questions of my own. I encourage those who have not previously taken part to give it a go too - it is an excellent way to grow in your faith and to join with others in doing so. *Rev'd James*

Jackie Davis & Julie Smith, our Children's and Youth Workers, have posted some videos and activities for the month of August: <https://www.stmarybarnes.org/children-teens/>

Learning from the lockdown: A series of contributions on this theme continues this week with a Lockdown Reflection from Rosie Findlater and is on our [News](#) page. The reflections are from a variety of people on how they experienced lockdown in their context and any lessons that might be learned for us locally and further afield in the future. I have invited a number of people to contribute but if you would like to share your story, please let me know. revdjames@stmarybarnes.org

[Sleep Out to Give Others Shelter](#)

Glass Door Homeless Charity will be hosting its annual Sleep Out (or in) on 2nd October 2020. I'm planning to do it again in Duke of York Square, and I'm hoping others will join me this year, possibly including a group of our teenagers and Julie our youth worker. You'll see below there are different ways to join in this year.

For the first time this year, all participants will have the option to join the event remotely if they wish. But everyone will still be joining together as a Sleep Out community online.

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. This year, there is one event, but many ways to get involved.

The choice is yours:

Option 1: Sleep In... your garden, car, own home on the floor, or anywhere that's creative but safe.

Option 2: Sleep Out... at Duke of York Square (Government guidelines and permission permitting).

Option 3: Sleep In... small socially distanced groups at a location of your choosing – e.g. in a friend's garden.

I will also assess if we could do a sleep out in the church grounds.

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**).

There is a Coming Back to Church survey on our [Online Church](#) page and in the email pewsheets asking for information about how you are feeling about attending church services at the current time. Please do feedback with your comments.

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

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: [AGE UK Richmond](#). The charity had to shut down activities at our Barnes Green Centre during the Covid-19 lockdown but we hope to start socially distanced activities at the Barnes Green Centre and in the community as soon as they are allowed. Older people are missing their exercise classes! Our Twickenham Centre became the headquarters for distributing food and essentials to those in need across the other side of the Borough. With the amazing generosity of shops, suppliers, our dedicated staff and volunteers we were able to cater for many isolated people. We were able to operate our Telephone befriending service helping many isolated people feel connected in their local communities across Richmond. We were also able to run most of our other services online advising people on their Welfare Benefits, running our essential and respected Hospital from Home and enabling creative new projects online to help the community during the long lockdown. We will give you more information about the future throughout the month. Inevitably this has meant a drop in our donations and grants so please consider supporting us through this difficult transition period from lockdown to an uncertain future for the charitable sector. Our grateful thanks go to our supporters and volunteers and resilient staff throughout the past four months. AGE UK Richmond, Parkway House, East Sheen, SW14 8LS Telephone: 0208 876 3625

<https://www.ageuk.org.uk/richmonduponthames/>