

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.

Prayer for this week:

Thou has given so much to me, O Lord. Give me one more thing - a grateful heart;
not thankful when it pleases me, as if Thy blessings had spare days,
but such a heart whose very pulse may be Thy praise. Amen.

George Herbert

Our challenge: we hope all our congregation will want to be a blessing to others, through generous gifts of time and money, in response to the many blessings we receive from God. **Please consider whether you can start a standing order to St Mary's, or increase an existing one.**

If you were not in church to hear the wardens and Richard speak, please check the explanation on the church website: www.stmarybarnes.org under Our church/Our challenge/Our choices.

Services on 30th July

8am	Holy Communion BCP	President & preacher: Rev'd Richard Sewell
10am	Parish Eucharist	President: Rev'd Richard Sewell, preacher: Martin Calderbank
6pm	Evensong	Officiant: Geoffrey Barnett

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.

Collect for 30th July

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the name; 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 forever.

10am: First Reading: Romans 8 vv26-end

Gospel: Matthew 13 vv31-33, 44-52

10am hymns: 589, 698, 646, 264

If you have, or know of anyone who has a pastoral concern, please let one of the clergy or Fiona Barnett know.

Special Prayers:

St Mary's outward giving projects: Under Tree Schools in South Sudan and Rev'd Joseph Ayok

The sick, including Alastair Mackie, Joan Putz, Vic Nolan

Anniversaries of death: Hermione Gerry; Margaret Oppe; Betty Lawrence

Those who have died: Ronnie Williams; baby Arabella Maynard; Stephen Tranter

This week

Mon to Fri	9.05am	Morning Prayer
Monday	2.30pm	Sewing group (contact Rosie on 8876 5338)
Thurs 3 rd Aug	11.15am	Quiet Time
	12 noon	Holy Communion (BCP): President & preacher: Rev'd Adam Rylett
Sat 5 th Aug	10.30am	Coffee Shop in the Melvill Room in aid of the Church garden
Sun 6 th Aug	8am	Holy Communion BCP: President & preacher: Rev'd Adam Rylett
	10am	Parish Eucharist: President & preacher: Rev'd Richard Sewell

NO INFORMAL SERVICES OR EVENSONGS DURING AUGUST

If you will be giving your donation to the church in cash, and you pay tax, please use a Gift Aid envelope. This will enable us to claim an extra 25% from HMRC at no cost to you. Write your full name, address and date on the front of the envelope – this MUST be completed in ink to be valid.

Under Tree Schools - education of girls in South Sudan

St Mary's has always been a major supporter of the girl's school in Malek Alel. We first knew of it when Rev'd Joseph Ayok was living with his family in our curate's house in Boileau Road. He had been with CMS, supporting exiles from the civil war between Sudan and what was to become South Sudan, the newest country in the world. He had been in the Sudan Olympic team in 1982, then exiled himself, as so many of his countrymen did. After polishing his English in Whitby (where he met Karin) he was ordained in Salisbury diocese. He had arranged for some classes for children, in an area of his home state. These were literally under the trees. If the fighting came close the teacher could pack up the school in his bag and lead the children somewhere that looked a bit safer. In 2005, the peace agreement with Sudan was signed, and Joseph could set up the school he really wanted. Just for girls, because they had no schooling at all, and by tradition got married at 14. To have a child at 15 is very dangerous for the mother and Joseph wanted girls to have the same career opportunities as boys. St Mary's helped him set up a charity. Ross, our last Rector, became a trustee and then Chair, Peter Boyling took on the role of administrator. St Mary's was generous in donating money to help build the school and the Friends of St Mary's made UTS a main beneficiary of the proceeds of the annual Barnes Charity Ball. A group of us made the journey out to the formal opening of the school in 2009. We have kept in close touch with developments since then. Will you help us keep up the tradition of St Mary's support for UTS? A small standing order would be of value in enabling us to help pay the running costs of the school. There are all the details at the website www.undertreeschools.org, or just speak to Peter Boyling.

Rectory Tea Party: Richard & JulieAnn invite you to the Rectory Tea Party on Wednesday 2nd August 3pm – 5pm; everyone is very welcome.

We want to have the church open for visitors, but we need someone on hand to keep an eye. We open every morning from 10.30 to 12.30 and a faithful group take an hour every few weeks to sit, perhaps read, and perhaps chat to those who pop in for whatever reason. Could you spend an hour on our rota? If so, please speak to Sian Walford (8876 1432) if you can do a weekday, or Lucy Hine (8748 4852) if you can do a Saturday.

Bishop's Certificate in Discipleship: Every year our Diocese runs a year-long course to help people to learn more about the Christian faith in a thorough and systematic way. It is called The Bishop's Certificate in Discipleship.

There are six modules:

- Exploring our identity and the Church
- Remembering the people of God in the Old Testament
- Following Jesus through the New Testament
- Understanding the teaching of the Church
- Focusing on mission – ethics and lifestyle
- Responding to the Holy Spirit in prayer and worship.

Each of these is a five-week module running on weekday evenings or Saturdays. There is an introductory session on Saturday 16th September 10am – 1pm at Trinity House (London Bridge). If you are at all interested in this excellent course please speak to Rev'd Richard.

Save the Date

Barnes Charity Fashion Show 11th and 12th October 2017 - tickets available from 1st September. Details at www.barnescharityfashionshow.com

This autumn Rev'd Richard will run a new course entitled **Pilgrim: The Creeds?**

It is part of a new resource produced by the Church of England which follows two modules: Follow Stage & Grow Stage. Each module has six parts. This autumn Richard will lead the first module from the Grow stage which is entitled The Creeds.

Wed 13th September: What are the Creeds?

Wed 20th September: God as Trinity

Wed 18th October: Fully God & Fully Human

Wed 1st November: Crucified, Risen, Ascended

Wed 8th November: I Believe in the Holy Spirit

Wed 15th November: One, Holy, Catholic Church

These sessions will run from 8pm – 9.30pm in Church. Everyone is welcome to attend to help to deepen your understanding of our faith. Please use a sign-up form which can be found at the back of Church.

What really is Happiness?

Two distinguished local authors and broadcasters, Gyles Brandreth and Richard Harries, come together on Sunday 17 Sept at 7.30pm at St Mary's Barnes to debate the subject of "What Really is Happiness?". Gyles Brandreth, well-known optimist and author of "The 7 Secrets of Happiness" will discuss what it really means to be happy in our often-troubled world with Bishop Richard Harries, author of "The Beauty and the Horror". A selection of their books will also be available for sale and signing.

Tickets at £10 (in aid of Friends of St Mary's Barnes) from Barnes Bookshop, St Mary's office and www.ticketsource.co.uk/stmarybarnes.

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