

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 you electronically.

O God the Holy Ghost, who art light unto thine elect, evermore enlighten us.

Thou who art fire of love, evermore enkindle us.

Thou who art Lord and Giver of Life, evermore live in us.

Thou who bestowest sevenfold grace, evermore replenish us.

As the wind is thy symbol, so forward our goings. As the dove, so launch us heavenwards.

As water, so purify our spirits. As a cloud, so abate our temptations.

As dew, so revive our languor. As fire, so purge our dross.

Christina Rossetti (AD 1830-1894)

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_40x70dOYVcuI5KA

8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

10am Parish Eucharist: Intercessions by Patty Darke, First Reading by Helen Gordon-Smith

6pm Evensong led by Christabel Gairdner

The virtual Sunday Club will again be at 11am,

and please contact Revd James to arrange an invitation revdjames@stmarybarnes.org

Morning Prayer will continue on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/stmarybarnes/> It can either be watched live at 8.30am or anytime later after it finishes. You don't have to be a Facebook member to watch it, you can click 'Not Now' when it prompts you to join.

Collect for 31st May

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Gospel: John 20:19-23

Special Prayers: [Under Tree Schools](#) **The sick,** including Isabelle, Jackie Northen

Anniversaries of death: Ian Leetham, Mike Bayon, Betty Page, Audrey Reynes

Those who have died: Derek Senhenn, June Wright, Gary Garrett, Merry Spence

St Mary's charity of the month: [Under Tree Schools](#) Our charity provides funds to maintain a school for girls in South Sudan. St Mary's has been a key donor to this charity ever since we helped set it up in 2006/7, and we have been following its progress closely. In February it started its 12th year of teaching girls aged from 6-15. The school was expecting to register up to 400 girls for this year. But South Sudan has not escaped the Covid virus. All schools in the country have been closed since March, and strict social distancing has been imposed on all the communities. The news has centred on the capital, Juba, where the number of cases has been rising fast, including key Ministers leading the antiviral Task Force. We really hope that the isolated rural location of the school will protect its community from arrival of the virus, because its people lack ready access to frequent handwashing and homes big enough to enable family members to keep apart from others. The need for the school is underlined by two other news items this week from South Sudan. One is a plea from girls for schooling in their region in another isolated area of the country. And the other is a story that a girl was murdered by her family for refusing to marry young. Underlying the mission of the Under Tree Schools charity is the aim that by having the opportunity of education leading to a career, girls will have an alternative option to the traditional early marriage. Peter Boyling (UTS treasurer) Email: peterboyling@blueyonder.co.uk

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Henry Chandler (Director of Music), Jackie Davis & Julie Smith (Children & Youth Workers) are furloughed at the moment.

Thy Kingdom Come (Ascension & Pentecost Season)

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, when the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on the apostles and other followers of Jesus. This used to be called Whit Sunday, and is often known as the church's birthday as well. As the tongues of fire rested over the apostles, so the liturgical colour is red for Pentecost.

Instead of the usual altar frontal I encourage you to wear something red on Sunday!

Please also bring a candle ready to light for the online Parish Eucharist, as I will be encouraging us all to light a candle as a sign of being commissioned by the Holy Spirit. I hope that the days since Ascension Day have been a good period of preparation for all that lies ahead in our own lives too. You may also like to join the special

Thy Kingdom Come service with the Archbishop of Canterbury at 9am cofe.io/ChurchOnline, including prayers from Pope Francis.

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

Volunteer phone caller needed: One of those who has been keeping in touch with others in the congregation by phone is no longer able to do so. So if you might be able to make a call to a few other members of the congregation just to keep in touch and see they are ok during the continued lockdown, please let Revd James know. revdjames@stmarybarnes.org

Tech help needed! It would help me if anyone could assist with filming of church services as we enter a new world where we will have both online and in church congregations. I am pleased that we have received a small grant from the diocese to enable us to buy a digital camera, tripod and microphone to help improve the transmission of services, and together with a generous donation from a member of the congregation the costs of this have been met in full. Also if anyone has any video editing skills and software it would help improve the variety of our online offerings. Maybe there's a teen or young adult in your household who could do this?! revdjames@stmarybarnes.org

St Mary's Church Garden: Please think of St Mary's if you are dividing up any of your plants. We have lots of space and are trying to eradicate some of the more persistent weeds. We will be gardening on Saturday mornings as usual from 10.30am, and we would be so pleased to have some new and different plants. rosemary@pfindlater.plus.com

Annual Review online: This week it is the Flower Arranging Team 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 1983. A Spring Fashion Show event helps to raise money for the rebuilding; Roger Dixon, Chair of the Rebuilding Committee, dies suddenly aged 48. An excerpt from his obituary in *The Times*, 20th April 1983, 'His tact and expertise secured a wide measure of local acceptance for the elegant designs of Edward Cullinan to which the church is now being rebuilt.'

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

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

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

Foodbank: Castelnau Centre, 7 Stillingfleet Road, Barnes SW13 9AQ, 9.15am-11.15am on Friday mornings. The OSO Arts Centre is accepting donations from 10am to 12 noon on all days except Sundays and is cooking about 150 meals each day for the Castelnau Centre. [Richmond Foodbank](#)

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.