

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 the week

Be a bright flame before me, O God, a guiding star above me,
a smooth path below me, a kindly shepherd behind me,
today, tonight, forever. Amen.
(Prayer of St Columba)

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.

Church Electoral Roll: Every six years the Church Electoral Roll must be updated. This means that everyone who considers themselves a member of St Mary's Barnes needs to complete a simple form within the next few weeks. There are forms at the back of church. Please take a couple of minutes to fill it in and leave it in the box as you leave. Completing the form carries with it no duty or obligation. It simply is a statement that you are a proud member of the congregation.

Services on 3rd February

8am	Holy Communion BCP	President & preacher: Rev'd Sister Margaret Anne
10am	Parish Eucharist	President & preacher: Rev'd Sister Margaret Anne
6pm	Evensong	Officiant: Martin Calderbank

Collect for 3rd 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: Malachi 3 vv1-15 **Gospel:** Luke 2 vv22-40 **10am hymns:** 110, 702, 721, 396

If you have, or know of anyone who has a pastoral concern, please let Fiona Barnett know.
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Special Prayers:

The sick, including Anne White, Philip Mitchell, Sylvia Howell, Christine Percival, Barbara Bryant

Those who have recently died: Dorothea Jackson, Bob & Jean Glover

Anniversaries of death: Pat Gore-Booth; Margaret Makin; Alan Reay; Janet Beston; Katie Gent

This week

Mon to Wed	9.05am	Morning Prayer in the Langton Chapel
Mondays	2.30pm	Sewing group (contact Rosie on 8876 5338)
Thurs 7 th Feb		NO QUIET TIME
	12 noon	Holy Communion (BCP): President & preacher: Rev'd Sister Margaret Anne
Fri 8 th Feb	7.30pm	Barnes Charity Ball 'Arabian Nights'
Sat 9 th Feb	10.30am	Coffee Shop at the back of church, free coffee, courtesy of Barnes Ball
Sun 10 th Feb	8am	Holy Communion BCP: President & preacher: Rev'd Sister Margaret Anne
Fourth before	10am	Parish Eucharist: President & preacher: Rev'd Alistair McCulloch
Lent	6pm	Evensong: Officiant: Geoffrey Barnett

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.

Our charity this month: Under Tree Schools

St Mary's is helping to educate and feed 400 South Sudanese girls. Do stay after the 10am service today to talk to our friend Joseph Ayok-Loewenberg, who founded one of the first ever schools for girls in South Sudan.

St Mary's was and is a major donor for the school - our funds helped build it and keep it running.

Ask Joseph how it keeps going despite political and economic collapse in South Sudan. There is no Government money any more to pay the teachers, and the cost of living has sky rocketed. Well over a third of the national population are refugees. The UN calls it one of the most serious humanitarian disasters in the world. The competing warlords have been fighting since 2013, causing huge insecurity in the country. Now there is a fragile cease fire and hopes of a new Government of National Unity. But there are still armed conflicts in a number of areas. The area round the school is more insecure than ever; and in 2018 many families from the bush have moved for safety to the town Malek Alel where the school is. So, there are more girls at the school than ever. Joseph is making a special trip to St Mary's to thank us and give us the latest news.

There is plenty of time after the service to talk to him.

Lost Property – Last Chance! accumulated over the last year is on display at the back of the church. Please reclaim your items by 4th February.

Piano Recital - Wednesday 6th February - 1pm start

Piano music returns to St Mary's at lunchtime on Feb 6th. Barnes' own concert pianist, Anthony Hewitt, will play pieces by Schumann and some Bach transcriptions (before going on tour in Japan) and his pupil, the ever-keen Alistair McGowan will first play a selection of pieces by Mendelssohn, Debussy, Chopin, Field and Satie (before collapsing in a nervous heap). Entrance is free. All are welcome. 1pm (duration approx 1hr).

Barnes Young Musician of the Year 2019

Closing date for applications is 15th February 2019. Full details and application form can be found on the Barnes Music Festival website www.barnesmusicfestival.com

Volunteers are needed to help at Festival events with bar and ushering, please contact office@barnesmusicfestival.com

Women's World Day of Prayer: World Day of Prayer brings together people from all over the world to pray for justice, peace, freedom and mutual understanding. This years' service has been put together by the women of Slovenia (once part of Yugoslavia), and is an open invitation to all to come to God's table. Through the voices of mothers, girls, wives and grandmothers, Roma, migrant workers and refugees, we hear the story of Slovenia's political, social and economic history from its socialist-communist past to the present day. It is a service of music, singing and prayer. Its story holds up a mirror to all countries which have been torn apart by war and conquest, and the effect it has on the souls of those living through those times. Please do come on Friday 1st March at 4pm at St Mary's to this fascinating, moving service.

Barnes Music Festival brochures now available

The full brochure for the Barnes Music Festival in March has now been published and tickets are on sale. Please pick up your copy of the brochure from the back of the church or from the dispenser on the lych-gate.

Highlights at St Mary's include:

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| 9 March | Opening Concert <i>Re-Composed</i> with star violinist Fenella Humphreys |
| 12 March | <i>Rêverie Debussy</i> with Lucy Parham & Alistair McGowan |
| 13 March | Violin Recital by Henry Chandler |
| 15 March | <i>Bach St John Passion</i> with Tiffin Boys' Choir |
| 16 March | <i>Turn of the Screw</i> opera |
| 17 March | Come & Sing <i>Invictus</i> with Howard Goodall |
| 18 Mar | <i>Byron Don Juan</i> musico-drama |
| 24 Mar | Festival Choral Evensong with Bishop David Stancliffe |

Tickets from Chestertons offices or on-line at www.barnesmusicfestival.com

CTiB Lent Talk Thurs 14th March, 7.30 for 8pm, Chris Patten, St Osmund's Church Hall

Lord Patten is a member of the House of Lords, formerly an MP (Cons) who held Ministerial Office and other significant posts including Governor of Hong Kong and Chairman of the BBC. Lately he has been assisting the Vatican in improving their Communications and Media. He is currently Chancellor of Oxford University. Lord Patten will speak on 'My Life, My Faith'.

Charity Bike Sale 2019: We are looking for someone to join the team running the Bike Sale on Barnes Fair Day (13 July). Specifically, we need someone to help us promote the sale and get as many bikes and buyers as possible. For more info, contact Judy Gowing judygowing@gmail.com 07703 312913

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