

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 in Lent

O God the Holy Ghost who art light unto thy people, evermore enlighten us.
Thou who art fire of love, evermore enkindle us.
Thou who are Lord and giver of life, evermore live in us.
Thou who bestowest your grace, evermore replenish us.
As the wind is thy symbol, so forward our efforts.
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 out our dross. Amen.

Prayer by Christina Rossetti

Services on 4th March

8am	Holy Communion BCP	President & preacher: Rev'd Richard Sewell
10am	Parish Eucharist	President: Rev'd Richard Sewell, preacher: Geoffrey Barnett
11.30am	Informal Service with baptisms	Officiant: Rev'd Richard Sewell
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 4th March

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

First Reading: 1 Corinthians 1 vv18-25

Gospel: John 2 vv13-22

10am hymns: 2, 634, 584, 775

11.30am hymns: 587, 621, 667, 757

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: Bishop's Lent Call

The sick, including Alastair Mackie and Anne White

Those who have died: Janet Keen; Charles Turnbull; Jean Otty; Gilda Roberts

Anniversaries of death: Eileen Chantry; Gerald Ball

This week

Mon to Fri	9.05am	Morning Prayer
Mondays	2.30pm	Sewing group (contact Rosie on 8876 5338)
Thurs 8 th March	11.15am	Quiet Time
	12 noon	Holy Communion (CW): President & preacher: Sister Margaret Anne
Sat 10 th March	10.30am	Coffee Shop in the Melvill Room
Sun 11 th March	8am	Holy Communion BCP: President & preacher: Bishop Richard Harries
Mothering	10am	Parish Eucharist: President & preacher: Sister Margaret Anne
Sunday	11.30am	Informal Service: Officiants: Christabel Gairdner & Charlie Auton
	6pm	NO EVENSONG – Barnes Music Festival event at St Michael's

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This month's Charity: Bishop's Lent Call

A message from the Bishop of Southwark:

I am pleased to be able give details for this year's Lent Call.

The projects we are supporting seek to bring help to those who are in need in the Holy Land as a result of the years of conflict; to offer help to our brothers and sisters in Zimbabwe as they work at this time of national transition for a better tomorrow there and to care for those in need of help across a wide spectrum of issues such as homelessness, mental health and domestic violence here in our own Diocese. Alongside giving to these projects I hope that you will wish to pray for the people concerned and the needs these projects address.

Jean Otty's funeral will be held at St Mary's Barnes on Friday 9th March at 11am. Everyone is welcome.

Next Sunday is Mothering Sunday:

The Parish Eucharist at 10am will have a mothering theme but the main Mothering Sunday service with distribution of daffodils is the 11.30 Informal Service.

Lent Resources: You can use the very helpful and insightful daily reflections for Lent by going to Live Lent website www.churchofengland.org/lent and you sign up to receive them as a daily email if you wish. You can also download an App for your smart phone by searching for #livelent from the Play Store or whatever you use.

Easter Lilies: if you would like to buy a lily in memory of a loved one, please sign the list at the back of the church giving your name and the loved one's name. The lilies cost £5 each and will form the entire floral part of our Easter display.

Lent Home Group: Christ in the Wilderness, reflections on five paintings by Stanley Spencer over five weeks beginning Thursday 15 Feb at 10.30am at 2 Mill Hill Road. All are welcome. Ring Fiona or Geoffrey Barnett 8878 6975 for more information.

Castelnau Community Centre: are running five free art sessions run by an art facilitator for people experiencing memory loss, confusion or early stage dementia. Tuesdays 12.45 to 2.45pm, light lunch provided. Sessions still to run on 27th Feb and 6th, 13th and 20th March. To book your place call Simon on 020 8741 0909.

Celebrating women: The Castelnau Community Centre is also running free activities and events celebrating women from Monday 5th to Thursday 8th March which is International Women's Day. Please see poster at the back of church or their website for details www.castelnaucentreproject.co.uk

Daily Friends of St Mary's

We need one or two new Daily Friends to help keep the church open on weekdays from 10.30-12.30. Volunteers do one hour a fortnight so if you think you could help please call Sian Walford on 0208 876 1432. Thank you.



Barnes Music Festival

It's just one week to go before the start of this year's Barnes Music Festival and tickets for most events are still available online or from Chestertons.

Highlights at St Mary's include

- Opening concert on Saturday 10 March with star cellist Guy Johnston playing Elgar *Cello Concerto* with the Thames Youth Orchestra
- "Oratorio Weekend" on Friday 16 and Saturday 17 March with Haydn *The Creation* sung by the renowned Tiffin Boys' Choir and the ever-popular Handel *Messiah* sung by Fulham Camerata - special joint ticket available
- Come & Sing Karl Jenkins *The Armed Man* on Sunday 18 March - open to all

The festival's major sponsor Chestertons are holding an open house *Festival Appetiser* at their office in Church Road next Saturday 10 March from 12 to 3 so please do call in at any time for refreshments and a little light music. Full programme details are in the festival brochure available at the back of the church and online at barnesmusicfestival.com

St Paul's School invite you to join them for an exclusive evening with former Bishop of London, Rt Hon and Rt Rev Lord Richard Chartres. Lord Chartres became Bishop of London in 1995 and during his time he confirmed Prince William, gave a sermon at the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge's wedding and led the funeral of Baroness Thatcher.

The former Bishop of London will speak about Samuel Pepys, from Presbyterian school boy at St Paul's to his death as a Non-juror. 6th March 2018 at 6.30pm
Venue: Samuel Pepys Theatre, St Paul's School
Ticket cost: £7.50 (includes pre-lecture drinks)
Book tickets at <https://opclub.stpaulsschool.org.uk>



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