

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

May God grant us vision to see beauty in the bleakest landscape, truth in the most confusing questions, glimpses of holiness in the darkest despair. Amen.

(Michaela Youngson)

Christmas Fair: Saturday 17th November 10am – 3pm

Donations Wanted: We have placed a box at the back of church to collect items for the Christmas Fair.

We need **BOTTLES** of wine or drink for the Tombola and **BRIC A BRAC** items.

If you can bring these in and place them in the box, we will then store them safely.

New request: Please think about making **CAKES** and **JAMS** and **MARMALADE** to sell at the Christmas Fair.

All Donations to be brought either on the Friday or Saturday to Kitson Hall

Marketing: We would love some help **DISTRIBUTING** leaflets for the fair. We still have several roads where we have not yet distributed leaflets. Your help would be appreciated.

Volunteers: If any of you would like to volunteer to help at the Christmas Fair on the 17th November then please sign up at the sheet at the back of church.

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.

Services on 4th November

8am	Holy Communion BCP	President & preacher: Bishop Richard Harries
10am	Parish Eucharist	President & preacher: Rev'd Joshua Rey
11.30am	Informal Service with baptisms	Officiant: Rev'd Joshua Rey
6pm	All Souls Service	Officiant: Sister Margaret Anne

Collect for 4th November

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

All Saints: First Reading: Isaiah 25 vv6-9 **Gospel:** John 11 vv32-44 **10am hymns:** 296, 602, 683, 510

All Souls: First Reading: Ecclesiastes 3 vv1-8 **Gospel:** John 11 vv17-44

Special Prayers:

The sick, including Anne White, Shelagh Mitchell, Dorothea Jackson

Those who have recently died: John West, Edward Shillington

Anniversaries of death: Dr Hazel Russell; Rev'd Raymond Chapman; Nigel Makepeace; June Millar

This week

Mon to Fri	9.05am	Morning Prayer in the Langton Chapel
Mondays	2.30pm	Sewing group (contact Rosie on 8876 5338)
Thurs 8 th Nov	11.15am	Quiet Time
	12 noon	Holy Communion (CW): President & preacher: Sister Margaret Anne
Sat 10 th Nov	10.30am	Coffee Shop in the Melvill Room in aid of Combat Stress
Sun 11 th Nov	8am	Holy Communion BCP: President & preacher: Sister Margaret Anne
Remembrance	10.50am	Remembrance Sunday service:
Sunday		President & preacher: Bishop Richard Harries
	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 of the Month: AGE UK RICHMOND/BARNES GREEN CENTRE

Social isolation – loneliness – is increasingly highlighted in the media both for young people and older people who often face later life alone. Our Community Services programme has successfully included people living alone in projects such as “MANaging your Spare Time”, inviting them to attend classes, join a pub lunch for discussion, IT lessons or to join us as a volunteer on our allotment or in our Social Centres or numerous other ways. Equally, many of you in the congregation know that Age UK Richmond runs the much-loved Barnes Green Centre where you will find a wide range of activities from exercise classes to art, IT classes or a simple friendly welcome for a cup of coffee or lunch. Do call in at the Centre to introduce someone as a new member or offer your help as a much-needed volunteer. Together we can combat loneliness and provide intergenerational help in our community. We always value your support and kind donations. Janet Eaton is at the Centre on 020 8876 2377 or call the main office in Sheen on 0208 878 3625
www.ageukrichmond.org

Combat Stress: The Good Companions will be running the St Mary's Coffee Shop on Saturday 10th November, the day before Remembrance Sunday. This will be in aid of Combat Stress, the Veterans Mental Health Charity, and they would welcome your support.

Illustrated Talk: Remembering the Fallen 100th Anniversary of the Armistice Sunday 11th November 7.30pm, St Michael & All Angels Church, Barnes

Barnes resident and historian, Dr Peter Reder, will talk about the life and times of the local servicemen who died in World War One. He'll explain how memorials - such as the plaque commemorating the fallen of the St Michael's parish - were drawn up, and explain how, using service records and other sources, he unearthed some of their individual stories. For admission, £15 to include refreshment, please call the parish office 020 8876 5230 or email admin@stmichaelbarnes.org

DO YOU ENJOY SINGING?

We are holding an open choir practice on Wednesday, 14 November (7.30-9.00pm in church) and encourage anyone who enjoys singing to come. Don't worry if you can't sight-read. You will be guided through a vocal warm-up and then we'll be working on our music for the Carol Service and the anthems for coming Sundays. Some will be familiar to you and other may be a little more challenging. Above all it is fun and you'll leave feeling so much better - full of endorphins! For more info, talk to Henry or email judygowing@gmail.com

Richard Harries & Roger McGough: Thursday 8th November at 7.30pm

Distinguished author Bishop Richard Harries and eminent poet Roger McGough come together on Thursday 8 November at 7.30pm at St Mary's Barnes to debate the themes of Richard's new book *Haunted by Christ - Modern Writers and the Struggle for Faith*. W H Auden, T S Eliot, William Golding, Elizabeth Jennings, C S Lewis, Flannery O'Connor, Stevie Smith. . . these are among some of the great poets and novelists whose struggles with faith finds expression in their works, and whose works have helped countless readers to appreciate the different forms that faith can take in different times and places. In his new book, Richard

Harries considers the work of twenty of these writers, painting vivid pictures of their lives and times, and providing us with numerous critically sympathetic insights into the spiritual dimension of their writings. Richard Harries and Roger McGough are both long-term residents of Barnes and this promises to be a fascinating and thought-provoking evening. Books from both authors will be on sale for signing at the event and tickets at £10 are available from Barnes Bookshop, the Church Office or ticketsource.co.uk/stmarybarnes and on the door.

Myra & Joyce "Playing to the Gallery" on Saturday 1 December: celebrity event with Stephanie Cole as Myra Hess and Patricia Hodge as Joyce Grenfell. Tickets £15 available from church office or www.ticketsource.co.uk/stmarybarnes

Barnes Music Festival 2019: programme for the festival has now been released - please pick up a leaflet with details at the back of the church

Barnes Charity Ball "Arabian Nights" on Friday 8th February 2019 tickets are now available. Spice up your new year with this magical evening, the highlight of the Barnes social calendar. See booking form at back of church or visit www.jumblebee.co.uk/thearabiannightsball

Flower Arrangers Team: We are hoping to recruit more people to join the flower arranging team. If you are interested, please do contact Sue Adams on sue.adams@btinternet.com

Hosting the Holy Family in Advent (Posada): a way of entering the season of Advent is by taking a turn to host a box for 24 hours which contains a beautiful olive wood carving of Mary, Joseph and Jesus. It is then passed from person to person each day at which point hospitality might be shared. It's a wonderful way of helping to make the preparation for Christmas very special. Please sign up on the list at the back of Church to join in. If you have any difficulty speak to the Churchwardens or the Church Office.

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

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