

Welcome to St Mary's. We are delighted that church services have resumed. As requested by the Department for Health and Social Care, we will keep your details safely and in compliance with GDPR legislation for 21 days before securely disposing of or deleting them. We will only share your details with NHS Test and Trace, if asked, in the event that it is needed to help stop the spread of coronavirus. We will not use your details for any other purposes or pass them on to anyone else. Please download the NHS Covid-19 App on your phone so that you can scan the unique QR code we now have on posters throughout the church. You will need to do this each time you attend St Mary's Barnes. This is in addition to signing in with the sidespeople on the front desk. Along with using the provided hand sanitiser and maintaining social distancing, **wearing a face covering** is now mandatory, unless you are exempt for medical reasons. Please do not attend if you are experiencing any symptoms. Those leading services, including readings and prayers are not required to wear face coverings unless they are within 2 metres of others. The priest will wear a covering for the administration of Holy Communion. Please do not attend if you are experiencing any Coronavirus symptoms. We will continue to put services [online](#) for those unable to come to church.

Prayer for the week

For this new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food, for love and friends.
For everything Thy goodness sends,
We thank Thee, dearest Lord. Amen.

8am Holy Communion (BCP) led by Rev'd Sister Margaret Anne

10am Parish Eucharist: President: Rev'd Sister Margaret Anne, Preacher: Rev'd James Hutchings

The Choral Scholars will be singing live this Sunday

Sunday Club is back. It will be in the Ellerton Room, and parents & carers are asked to take children to the Melvill Room entrance rather than go through the church. The children will come back in at the usual time and will return to sit with their families.

6pm Evensong: Officiant: Christabel Gairdner

If you regularly attend one of our services then do take an Order of Service booklet home with you and please remember to bring it to use when you attend again. We are trying to avoid booklets being handed out repeatedly between people from different households.

Other services and events

Morning Prayer 8.45am Monday-Friday in the Langton Chapel. You can join Morning Prayer live on Facebook www.facebook.com/stmarybarnes/ at 8.45am or anytime after it ends. *You don't have to be a Facebook member to watch it (just click 'not now' when it prompts you to join).*

Thursday 8th October 12 noon Holy Communion (BCP) led by Rev'd James Hutchings

Collect for 4th October 2020

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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 for ever.

First Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14 Gospel: Matthew 21.33-end

Special Prayers: [FiSH Neighbourhood Care](#)

The sick, including Isabelle, Jackie Northen, Irene May Wilson, Anne White, Monty & Maisie Brown, Liz Fergusson

Anniversaries of death: Roy Farmer, Nicholas Phillips

Those who have died: Tony White, Anthony Land, Josephine Harris

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.

CHURCH OPEN DAILY FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION

Welcome to St Mary's, whether you are joining us in the church or online.

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Online Church: The Parish Eucharist is recorded and available by early afternoon on the St Mary's YouTube channel, which can be found by using the web link shown here: [YouTube](#) It can also be found on the [Online Church](#) page on our website, where you will also find links to Morning Prayer, other services, music and children's resources and photo gallery. You can join Morning Prayer live on Facebook www.facebook.com/stmarybarnes/ at 8.45am or anytime after it ends. *You don't have to be a Facebook member to watch it (just click 'not now' when it prompts you to join).*

Creationtide Zoom Study Group

Our new group looks at some readings for the season of "creationtide".

During September and October, the Church of England, encourages us to focus on God as creator and sustainer of all life. Each week we will look at a bible reading on this theme, and discuss it in a similar way to our recent groups on Acts and Philipians. Our second session is on Monday 5th October at 2.30pm and looks at Christianity's role in the ecological crisis. It isn't too late to join the group so please let me know if you would be interested. revdjames@stmarybarnes.org The resources can be found on the link below

[Creationtide Discussion Materials](#)

Informal congregational meeting, 4th October 2020

We will not have a formal annual church meeting this year. However legally churchwardens need to be sworn in every year. So this year, I have delegated authority from the Archdeacon to do this, and will do so on Sunday 4th October before the blessing at the end of the 10am service. Following the service we will have a short informal meeting at which we will summarise our response to the current crisis, and take questions on this.

The meeting will also be recorded.

[Sleep Out to Give Others Shelter](#)

By the time you read this I hope to have slept out in a tent in the Rectory garden as part of the Glass Door Homeless Charity sleepout. I would be grateful for any donation you can make, either via this link <https://www.glassdoor.org.uk/fundraisers/james-hutchings-sleep-out-or-in-fundraising-page> or by cheque made payable to Glass Door via the parish office.

Glass Door works to support and shelter those in our community who are at absolute crisis point. Glass Door welcomes everyone as a guest, giving them stability before helping them make the necessary steps to move off the streets for good. The charity has remained open to help those facing homelessness throughout the pandemic and is committed to finding ways to ensure that individuals in need can find safe shelter and a warm welcome this winter and beyond. With a quarter of a million people at risk of losing their tenancy in coming months (according to Shelter), Glass Door's services will be needed more than ever over this next year. "The rise in homelessness is a scandal, and we will continue to do all we can to get people off the streets and into shelters. But we can't do it alone," says Rev Brian Leathard, Chair of Trustees at Glass Door and Rector at St Luke's and Christ Church, Chelsea.

To register or find out more, let me know and please visit www.glassdoor.org.uk or call the charity on 020 7351 4948. revdjames@stmarybarnes.org

Text Giving: To donate to support the maintenance and work of

St Mary's, text **STMARYBARNES** to **70450**, adding the amount you wish to give (i.e. to donate £5 text **STMARYBARNES5** for £10 text **STMARYBARNES10** and so on). Texts cost your donation plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text **STMARYBARNESNOINFO** to **70450** adding the amount as above (i.e. £5 **STMARYBARNESNOINFO5**).

Church scrapbooks: will be featured on the [History & Architecture](#) page on our website and on social media.

Look out for the new [Barnes Charity Fashion Week](#) from 10th to 17th October!

The legendary Barnes Charity Fashion Show at St Mary's is not able to go ahead this year due to covid restrictions. But we do want to support both our valued Barnes fashion boutiques as well as our charities at a time which has been especially challenging for them. So during Barnes Fashion Week from 10th to 17th October 2020, we're launching the new Barnes Fashion Trail along with media activities, special offers in all the participating shops, and exclusive fashion in Barnes. There is also the opportunity to support our local charity [FiSH Neighbourhood Care](#), as well as [St Mary's Barnes](#), which has been so important to many in Barnes during the pandemic restrictions. Please make your donation at justgiving.com/campaign/barnesfashionforcharities Keep up to date with latest news on Barnes fashion by joining the mailing list at rb.gy/lykxazo and following us on [Instagram @BarnesFashion](#)

ANNUAL FRIENDS EVENSONG on Sunday 18th October 2020 at 6pm
with St Mary's Barnes Choral Scholars, Tom Fetherstonhaugh *organ*
and performances by Barnes Young Musicians of the Year
Xenia Edwards *violin* & Tian Hsu *trumpet*
Address by Rev'd James Hutchings "St Mary's at the heart of the community"
Free admission with ticket from ticketsource.co.uk/stmarybarnes

Fr Martin Calderbank, is due to be ordained a priest on Saturday 17th October. Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions the ordination service itself is not open to the general public. Martin spent his placement as an ordinand at St Mary's and we look forward to welcoming him here to worship with us at a Sunday service soon. If you would like to contribute towards a gift for Fr Martin please drop it in to the Parish Office at St Michael's or transfer it at a later date. Donations (ideally Gift Aided) can be brought to the St Michael's Vicarage, cheques should be made out to 'St Michael & All Angels, Barnes', and transfers can be made to the church bank account. Barclays, Account No. 10774065, Sort Code 20-72-33 (Ref. PRIEST).

Appeal from the Barnes Community Association. We need your help.

Following last week's widely-reported protest meeting, the Broken Bridge Broken London pressure group has started a petition asking the Government to fund either a new bridge or repairs for Hammersmith bridge:
<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/549607>

Within the first 72 hours it was signed by over 15,000 supporters.

This means that now the Government must respond. However, in order for the issue to be considered for a debate we need to have 100,000 signatures. Please sign the petition using the link above. Then forward the link to your relatives, friends and business contacts asking them to do likewise.

FiSH is seeking a new Chair of Trustees

Following the recent announcement that Crispin O'Brien will be stepping down as Chair of Trustees, FiSH Neighbourhood Care is seeking a new Chair. Applicants should be able to demonstrate strong leadership credentials and ideally have charity or volunteering experience Full details are available at: <https://www.fishhelp.org.uk/news.html> Closing date for applications: 30 September 2020.

We will be holding an All Souls' Service at 6pm on Sunday 1st November 2020. There is a form which can be filled out on our [Online Church](#) page if you wish us to remember your loved ones.

You can also find the link for this form [here](#). Please remember to click 'Submit' at the end of the form.

St Mary's charity of the month: Since 1963, [FiSH Neighbourhood Care](#) has been actively supporting the most vulnerable members of the community in Barnes, Mortlake and East Sheen. This has been a real life-line for many during the restricted Covid months. FiSH received over 135 requests for help from new clients who mainly needed help with shopping. In total FiSH volunteers have done 2,384 shops since mid-March. It is normally about 25 shops per month! In more normal times, FiSH organises social events, singing and dancing classes, bridge, as well as taking clients on outings in the mini-buses. All these activities and services help to keep our clients independent for as long as possible. More volunteers are urgently needed. If you can help, please download an application form from the FiSH website: www.fishhelp.org.uk.
More info from Judy Gowing who is always happy to talk about FiSH!