

5th November 2017 Fourth Sunday before Advent

To inspire hearts and minds to serve the mission of God

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:					
God be in my head and in my understanding.					
God be in my eyes and in my looking.					
God be in my mouth and in my speaking.					
God in my heart and in my thinking.					
God be at my end and at my departing.					
(From the Sarum Book of Hours)					

Services on 5th November

8am	Holy Communion BCP	President & preacher: Bishop Richard Harries
10am	Parish Eucharist	President & preacher: Rev'd Richard Sewell
11.30am	Informal Service with baptisms	Officiant: Rev'd Richard Sewell
6pm	Evensong	Officiant: Martin Calderbank

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 5th November

Almighty and eternal God, you have kindled the flame of love in the hearts of the saints: grant to us the same faith and power of love, that, as we rejoice in their triumphs, we may be sustained by their example and fellowship; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

First Reading: | Thessalonians 2 vv9-13 Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12 10am hymns: 532, 324, 304, 592 11.30am hymns: 533, 713, 652, 667

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: Age UK Richmond upon Thames The sick, including Alastair Mackie, Carole Stratton Anniversaries of death: Dr Hazel Russell; Rev'd Raymond Chapman; Nigel Makepeace; June Millar Those who have died: Peter Davies; Edith Day; Rev'd Trevor Patterson

	This week			
	Mon to Fri	9.05am	Morning Prayer	
	Mondays	2pm	Sewing group (contact Rosie on 8876 5338)	
	Thurs 9 th Nov	II.I5am	Quiet Time	
		12 noon	Holy Communion (CW): President & preacher: Rev'd Richard Sewell	
	Sat II th Nov	10.30am	Coffee Shop in the Melvill Room in aid of Combat Stress	
Sun 12 th Nov 8am Holy Communion BCP: President & preacher: Rev'd Richard Se		Holy Communion BCP: President & preacher: Rev'd Richard Sewell		
		10.50am	Please congregate in the churchyard before the service	
			Remembrance Sunday Service: President & preacher: Rev'd Richard Sewell	
		6pm	Evensong: Officiant: Bishop Richard Harries	

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.

Richmond upon Thames age UK

Age UK Richmond upon Thames: our charity of the month Phone: 020 8876 2377 Open: Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm

Age UK Richmond upon Thames is a local independent charity providing services and support for older people across the borough of Richmond. Our Barnes Green Centre offers a wide range of activities to help improve and

maintain health and wellbeing for people over 50 years of age. With over 30 activities on offer every week, including exercise groups, beauty treatments and opportunities to learn new skills, there's something for everyone.

See our website for details www.ageukrichmond.org.uk or pop in to see what's available.

Combat Stress: the Good Companions are running the St Mary's Coffee Shop on Saturday 11th November. It is in aid of Combat Stress and they would welcome your support.

St Mary's Christmas Fair on Sat 18th Nov 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 soft drink for the Tombola as well as BRIC A BRAC items. If you can bring these in and place them in the box, we will then store them. New request: Please think about making CAKES and JAMS to sell at the Christmas Fair. All Donations to be brought either on the Friday or Saturday to Kitson Hall please contact Kate Cowell kate.cowell@gmail.com Marketing: We would love some help DISTRIBUTING leaflets for the fair. We have placed leaflets into bundles for the Roads in Barnes and we would be grateful if you could do your road/neighbouring roads and help distribute to your neighbours.

Volunteers: If any of you would like to volunteer to help at the Christmas Fair on the 18th November then please sign up at the sheet at the back of church.

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. Speak to Rev'd Richard for more details (020 8288 7690).

St Mary's Christmas Cards: It is that time of year again when we need your help to sell Christmas cards for St Mary's. From Monday 20th November we will be selling the cards everyday in the church until the final few days before Christmas. If anyone has a couple of hours to spare between 12.30-2.30pm on weekdays or on Saturdays either at 12.15-1.15pm or 1.15-2.30pm when they could sit in the church and help to sell the cards we would be hugely grateful. If you think you could fill one of the slots on the rota, then please do give Charlie Grainger a ring on 020 8239 8861 or email heron christmascards@stmarybarnes.org We really can't do it without you!

'The Gift of Christmas' with Virginia McKenna

on 9th December 2017 at 6pm: Come and share the tears and laughter, the miracles and disasters of the festive season through the words of Alan Ayckbourn, Joyce Grenfell, Oscar Wilde, Charles Dickens, Adrian Mole, Benjamin Zephaniah, John Betjeman, Noel Coward and of course Santa Claus. Sing along with carols, share a drink and mince pie in the interval and celebrate the greatest gift of all, Peace and Goodwill, as Virginia McKenna reads from Michael Morpurgo's "The Best Christmas Present in the World". Tickets from www.ticketsource.co.uk/stmarybarnes

Barnes Charity Ball 2018 "Highland Fling" on Friday 2nd February 2018 ticket applications now open so fill in a form (available on the website www.barnescharityball.org and in the church) to enjoy the social event of the year and enjoy a Scottish experience of entertainment, food, drink and dancing. Key to success has been generous auction items offered so if you have a holiday home in Skye, the Maldives (or even Govan), special passes to an event (RAH?) or a unique gift (fine wine?), please get in touch with info@barnescharityball.org

Barnes Music Festival 2018 outline programme has been published. Please pick up a leaflet with all the details and save the dates of 10 - 25 March 2018 for two weeks of wonderful music-making in Barnes.

Barnes Young Musician of the Year 2018

applications are now open to students of Grade 6 standard and above who live, attend school or have their instrumental lessons in Barnes. Go to barnesmusicfestival.com for full details and application form.

The Barnes *Cards for Good Causes* Christmas shop opens for trading on Friday 27th October in Barnes Methodist Church. Sally-Ann, our local organiser, would love more volunteers to help staff it. The shop will be open from Oct 27th to 16th December from 10-4, six days a week (closed Sundays). Can you spare a couple of hours once a week to help out? It's great fun and in the past 10 years charities have received more than £40 million from CFGC sales nationwide. For more information please contact Sally-Ann at sally-ann@brianfeldman.co.uk

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