

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 of righteousness and truth, grant to our Queen, the Government and all in positions of responsibility the guidance of your Holy Spirit. May they never lead the nation wrongly through love of power, desire to please or unworthy ideals, but laying aside all private interests and prejudices, keep in mind their responsibility to improve the condition of all humanity; so may your kingdom come and your name be hallowed. Amen.
(The House of Commons Prayer)

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 7th October

8am	Holy Communion BCP	President & preacher: Sister Margaret Anne
10am	Parish Eucharist	President & preacher: Ven John Kiddle
11.30am	Informal Service with baptisms	Officiant: Ven John Kiddle
6pm	Friends Annual Choral Evensong	Officiant: Rev'd Stephen Stavrou Preacher: Rt Rev'd & Rt Hon Sarah Mullally, Bishop of London

Collect for 7th October

O God, for as much as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 forever.

First Reading: Hebrews 1 vv1-4, 2 vv5-12

Gospel: Mark 10 vv2-16

10am hymns: 612, 132, 593 (not vv 4,6), 489 **11.30am hymns:** 766 (not v 4), 667, 713, 638

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

Special Prayers:

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

Those who have recently died: Robert Ward-Jones, John West, Edward Shillington

Anniversaries of death: Roy Farmer; Edgar Gordon; Nicolas Phillips; Susan Freeland

This week

Mon to Fri	9.05am	Morning Prayer in the Langton Chapel
Mondays	2.30pm	Sewing group (contact Rosie on 8876 5338)
Thurs 11 th Oct		Midday service cancelled due to Barnes Charity Fashion Show
Sat 13 th Oct	10.30am	Coffee Shop in the Melvill Room
Sun 14 th Oct	8am	Holy Communion BCP: President & preacher: Bishop Richard Harries
20th Sunday after Trinity	10am	Parish Eucharist: President & preacher: Sister Margaret Anne
	6pm	Said Evensong

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Richard's successor as Rector of St Mary's

We are busy working on the process for appointing Richard's successor. Before we can advertise we must be able to tell possible candidates about St Mary's priorities for the future life of the church. And we must set out the qualities we are looking for in our new Rector – which follow from our aspirations. The PCC have already met to begin discussing these questions.

But we need input from all St Mary's congregation. Please come to a short meeting, so we can get **your** ideas about where our priorities lie. Please make a date to be with us at the 10 am service next week, 14 October. Over coffee after the service we will show you the result of our work so far and ask you to tell us what you think. It need not take more than 30 – 40 minutes so your lunch commitments are not under threat!

We are all on this exciting and challenging journey together, so we need your thoughts and your support. Please don't leave it to others.

Phil Bladen and Fouki Heller, churchwardens.

A message from Richard & JulieAnn

We would like to express our deep gratitude to everyone for the most amazing farewells on 16th Sept. The services and the reception were so moving for us (and Nathaniel and Eliana) and really showed off the best of St Mary's. Also, we appreciate very much indeed the wonderful gifts that we received and for everyone's generosity. There were also numerous individual cards, messages and gifts given to us personally. Sadly, we won't be able to express our thanks to all these except in these general terms. The large cheque we received means that we will be able to find some interesting local items to make the 'Deanery' in St George's more homely than it is currently. Please do stay in touch and the best email to use is dean@sgcjerusalem.org and visit the College's website to find out more about our mission: www.saintgeorgescollegejerusalem.com

Harvest Gifts. Many thanks for the generous donations for the Foodbank at the Castelnau Centre. 97 kgs were collected and will help those most in need in the community. And thanks to **those who brought food for the Harvest Lunch. Please take your dishes, which are in the Melvill Room.**

Barnes Charity Fashion Show 10 & 11 October

Tickets are now sold out for Wednesday, but some are still available for Thursday. Available from Knight Frank, 56 Barnes High Street (no booking fee) or online at barnescharityfashionshow.com with booking fee.

The Autumn Calendar of events is now available at the back of church.

Have you got your tickets to The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe yet? To commemorate the 120th anniversary of author C.S. Lewis' birth this year, local theatre company Shadow Road are staging a special production of his enchanting children's classic and Christian allegory at St Mary's from Monday 29th

October – Saturday 3rd November 2018. This magical play will be directed by Shadow Road's Artistic Director, Emma King-Farlow and the week-long run will be accompanied by a free pre-show talk, delivered by Bishop Richard Harries on Friday 2nd November. Tickets are available online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/shadowroad or in person from the church office between 10am-12pm or 2pm-4pm on weekdays. Should you wish to, you can also make a contribution towards production costs at www.gofundme.com/LWWBarnes2018, which would be most gratefully received!

Richard Harries' new book is "Haunted by Christ – Modern Writers and their Struggle for Faith". Richard and Roger McGough debate it on 8 November at 7.30pm. Tickets from Barnes Bookshop and on line.

The Saturday coffee shop on 13 October will raise funds for the Lullaby Trust. John and Fenella Deards will run it in memory of their grandson. This charity raises awareness of sudden infant death syndrome, provides expert advice on safer sleep for babies and offers emotional support for bereaved families.

Church Scrapbook: Jo Teverson has taken over responsibility for keeping the church scrapbook up to date. Please would anyone with news, articles or photos suitable for inclusion in the scrapbook send them to joanna.teverson@yahoo.co.uk or leave them in the Church office. Anything from Jan 2017 onwards. We are all very grateful to Maisie Brown for compiling the scrapbooks so beautifully over many years.

Spare Shed Space: The Bike Sale Team is looking for a shed (or similar) to store second-hand bikes. If you have a lonely space that would like some company, please contact Judy Gowing judygowing@gmail.com

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