

**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.

### **A prayer for Giving in Grace**

Heavenly Father give grace to us, the living stones who form your Church, to reflect prayerfully at this special time on our love for you and our neighbour. Make us mindful of the many gifts You bestow upon us and we ask that your Holy Spirit inspire and direct us in our choice of giving, remembering that we are only giving back that which is truly yours. Strengthen us, Lord, to meet this challenge according to your will. Through Jesus Christ our Lord who has given all that we may live. Amen.

**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 8<sup>th</sup> March**

8am	Holy Communion (BCP):	President & preacher: Rev'd James Hutchings
10am	Parish Eucharist	President & preacher: Rev'd Sister Margaret Anne
6pm	Evensong	Officiant: Rev'd James Hutchings

#### **Collect for 8<sup>th</sup> March**

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

**First Reading:** Genesis 12 vv1-4a      **Gospel:** John 3 vv1-17      **10am hymns:** 4, 632, 675, 757

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](mailto:safeguarding@stmarybarnes.org) or the Church Office on 0208 741 5422.

**Difficulty in hearing or reading?**  
 There is a hearing loop system in this church. Just switch your NHS hearing aid to the 'T' position. Privately purchased aids may work differently; check your aid instructions. There are also large print service booklets and hymn books. Please ask a sidesperson if you need one.

#### **Special Prayers:** Castelnau Community Centre Project

**The sick,** including Anne White, Monty & Maisie Brown, Sheila Wilson, Isabelle, Beatrice, Christopher Browne, Caroline Browne      **Those who have died:** Dennis Napier

**Anniversaries of death:** Rachel Locke, Daniel Hart, Diana Baxter, Constance Rogers

#### **This week**

Mon to Fri	9.05am	Morning Prayer in the Langton Chapel
Mondays	3pm	Sewing group (contact Rosie on 8876 5338)
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> March	11.15am	Quiet Time in the Langton Chapel
	11-11.55am	Refreshments with the Rector in the Melvill Room
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> March	12 noon	Holy Communion (CW): President & preacher: Rev'd James Hutchings
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> March	10.30am	Coffee Shop in the Melvill Room in aid of The Amber Trust, the only national charity dedicated to supporting visually impaired children with their musical needs and aspirations
<b>Third of Lent Stewardship Sunday</b>	8am	Holy Communion (BCP): President & preacher: Bishop Richard Harries
	10am	Parish Eucharist: President & preacher: Rev'd Sister Margaret Anne
	6pm	<i>First Reading: Exodus 17 vv1-7   Gospel: John 4 vv5-42</i>
		<b>NO EVENSONG</b>

## The Bishop of Southwark's Lent Appeal 2020

In 2020 the Bishop's Lent Call is supporting projects within Southwark Diocese and in the Holy Land, Nigeria and our Link Dioceses in Zimbabwe. These include the L'Arche community in Bethlehem, The Kaduna Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations in Nigeria. In Southwark, SparkFish who work in schools, inspiring young people in faith, hope and love, The Nicholas Stewart Project, helping young people on estates in the Earlsfield area and Superkidz who are helping young people and children whose lives have been scarred by domestic violence, abuse and neglect. We will make our main collection for the Lent Appeal on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March when Bishop Christopher Chessun will be with us for the All Age Eucharist at 10am.

**Review of Giving:** James has written a letter about Christian giving to everyone whose details we hold. Please can you see if there is a letter for you in church? If there isn't one, please take one of the blank envelopes with the same letter enclosed (this means we don't hold your records, so if you would like the church to be able to contact you, please let Cheryl in the church office know). Please can you also see if there is an uncollected letter for someone you could deliver to, to help save on postage? The review of giving is part of our programme for Lent. James preached on this last Sunday and his sermon is on the website (minus the last sentence which got accidentally deleted!). Please return the reply form in the letter at one of the services this month, or back to the office by hand or email. Please reply even if you decide to leave your giving unchanged. Many thanks.

**Advice on Communion:** There is no advice from government or the Church of England that we should stop using the chalice during Communion. However, if you have a cough or cold may I encourage you to receive the bread only? Please do not dip your wafer into the wine as this could transmit infections. If you have a cold, it is also best to exchange the Peace verbally rather than with a handshake or other physical contact.

Following the **BBC R4 Sunday Worship** live from St Mary's last Sunday we received many positive comments in person, emails and letters.

In the News section of our website you can listen to the podcast and view the transcript of the service.

**Children, Youth and Families:** Following interviews recently I am pleased to let you know that we have appointed Jackie Davis who will work 22 hours per week and focus on Sunday Club and 0-11s, and Julie Smith who will work 14 hours focusing on secondary age and teenagers. James will be introducing Jackie and Julie at the 10am Mothering Sunday service on 22nd March.

**Lent home group: Augustine's Life of Prayer, Learning and Love,** a book by Cally Hammond, will be the subject of discussion through Lent on five Wednesday mornings 10.30-11.45 at 2 Mill Hill Road, beginning on 4 March. All welcome to join. For more info ring Fiona or Geoffrey Barnett on 8878 6975.

**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.**

**Barnes Music Festival** has now started and all events are going ahead as planned. This coming week at St Mary's we have **Roderick Williams baritone** on Monday evening, **Steven Isserlis** on Tuesday, **Linos Trio** on Wednesday, **Chiyan Wong piano** on Thursday, finishing the week with **Handel Messiah** on Friday and **Cunning Little Vixen** opera on Saturday. We have outstanding young artists at lunchtime concerts with **Robert Quinney organ** on Tuesday, **Solus Trumpet Ensemble** on Wednesday and **Anna Cavaliero soprano** on Thursday. Please join us also for **Come & Sing Oliver!** next Sunday. Tickets on the door, from Chestertons and from [www.barnesmusicfestival.com](http://www.barnesmusicfestival.com)

**Church layout** is now in concert format during the Barnes Music Festival. Please follow the special instructions from the clergy and sidesmen about taking communion. Please also visit the **Musical Journeys** photographic exhibition at the back of the church.

**'Life on the Frontline' Lent Course:** This will take place on Mondays 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> March and 3 dates (to be decided) after Easter. 7.30pm refreshments for 7.45 – 9pm session in the Ellerton Room. Sign up sheet at the back of church. For a video taster please watch 'Meet Anne' [www.licc.org.uk/ourresources/lifeonthefrontline](http://www.licc.org.uk/ourresources/lifeonthefrontline)

### Your chance to quiz the Bishop!

On Sunday 29th March, the Bishop of Southwark is leading our 10am service, and afterwards Bishop Christopher has kindly agreed to take part in a question and answer session, before we share a parish lunch together. Questions can be about matters of faith and belief, or major ethical issues, or the church, or wider society. Please write your question on one of the reply slips on the church entrance desk, giving your name and contact details and put it in the designated box; or email to [office@stmarybarnes.org](mailto:office@stmarybarnes.org). We can't guarantee that everyone's question will be taken, but we will group similar ones together.

**Parish Lunch on 29<sup>th</sup> March:** there is a sign-up sheet at the back of church. Please indicate what you can bring.

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