

**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 this week:** O God, our sovereign and our shepherd, who brought again your Son Jesus Christ from the valley of death, comfort us with your protecting presence and your angels of goodness and love, that we also may come home and dwell with him in your house for ever. Amen.

**Our challenge:** we hope all our congregation will want to be a blessing to others, through generous gifts of time and money, in response to the many blessings we receive from God. **Please consider whether you can start a standing order to St Mary's, or increase an existing one.** If you were not in church to hear the wardens and Richard speak, please check the explanation on the church website: [www.stmarybarnes.org](http://www.stmarybarnes.org) under Our church/Our challenge /Our choices.

### Services on 9 July

8am	Holy Communion BCP	President & preacher: Rev'd Richard Sewell
10am	Parish Eucharist	President: Bishop Richard Harries Preacher: Rev'd Richard Sewell
6pm	Healing & Wholeness:	Officiant: Rev'd Richard Sewell

**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 9 July

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake. Amen

**10am: First Reading:** Romans 7 vv15-25a

**Gospel:** Matthew 11 vv16-19, 25-end

**10am hymns:** 676, 506, 666, 510

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:** Under Tree Schools in South Sudan and Rev'd Joseph Ayok

**The sick,** including Alastair Mackie, Joan Putz

**Anniversaries of death:** Douglas Abbot, Beryl Thornton Ball

**Those who have died:** Ann Marie Le Bon; Georgina Hughes, Ronnie Williams

### This week

Mon to Fri	9.05am	Morning Prayer
Monday	2.30pm	Sewing group (contact Rosie on 8876 5338)
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> July	11.15am	Quiet Time
	12 noon	Holy Communion (BCP): President & preacher: Sister Margaret Anne
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> July	10.30am	Coffee Shop in the Melvill Room in aid of Under Tree Schools
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> July	8am	Holy Communion BCP: President & preacher: Rev'd Richard Sewell
	10am	Parish Eucharist: President: Rev'd Richard Sewell Preacher: Geoffrey Barnett
	11.30am	Informal service: Officiant: Rev'd Richard Sewell
	6pm	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.**

## Under Tree Schools - education of girls in South Sudan

You will have read in the papers that South Sudan is in a terrible situation. The newest country in the world is a failed state. Conflict between sectional interests, partly tribally based, has led to many thousands dead, over two million displaced and five million hungry to the point of near starvation. Inflation has made everything hugely expensive to buy, insecurity has prevented crops being planted. Salaries to teachers and other public servants are disrupted. Corruption is rife.

Fortunately our girls school is away from the main areas of insecurity. Food for the girls' daily hot meal is supplied by the UN. The teachers are staying loyal, despite everything. We can be very grateful that despite the chaos, the school is still operating, and feeding the staff and the girls.

**Summer BBQ Brunch, today,** immediately after the 10am service. This is a special St Mary's Church Family event for everyone. Come for delicious burgers and hot dogs and some activities organised by the young people suitable for all ages. Meal tickets at £2.50 entitle you to one meal item.

### St Mary's at Barnes Fair

Many thanks to all those who supported our activities yesterday at the Fair. The Bike Sale was an amazing success, raising about £12,000. We had a great Pimm's tent, drinks and cakes stall, and climbing and throwing teddies off the Tower. We hosted activities by the Castelnau Centre; and our young people's stall on the Green supported Under Tree Schools.

### Chris Patten Book Launch 10th July at 8pm:

Lord Patten of Barnes will talk about his new book "*First Confession - A Sort of Memoir*", respond to questions and sign copies for sale. *First Confession* is a different sort of memoir, an enlightening, wise, entertaining and opinionated book on personal and political identity. Tickets £10 from Barnes Bookshop and [www.ticketsource.co.uk/stmarybarnes](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/stmarybarnes).

**We want to have the church open for visitors,** but we need someone on hand to keep an eye.

We open every morning from 10.30 to 12.30 and a faithful group take an hour every few weeks to sit, perhaps read, and perhaps chat to those who pop in for whatever reason. Now we are short of volunteers. Could you spend an hour on our rota? If so, please speak to Sian Walford (8876 1432) if you can do a weekday, or Lucy Hine (8748 4852) if you can do a Saturday.

**GlassDoor** supports the homeless and is one of the charities St Mary's supports. Here are three opportunities to give practical help:

**1. Support the Glass Door Sleep Out.** Friday 6 October 2017, Duke of York Square, Chelsea. Join the Sleep Out, or make a donation. The aim is to raise £200,000 to run the shelters, and help provide caseworker support for another year. See <http://www.glassdoor.org.uk/sleepout.htm>

**2. Volunteer** at the Glass Door Shelter hosted by the Methodist Church. For one Saturday in four, help to prepare, cook, serve and then share a hot meal with about 35 guests from 6 - 9.45pm. To volunteer, or for more information, contact: [miagibbons@gmail.com](mailto:miagibbons@gmail.com)

**3. GlassDoor are recruiting a fulltime admin officer,** £20-25,000, for one year (with possible extension) working at Chelsea Methodist Church. Info at [www.glassdoor.org.uk/jobs/htm](http://www.glassdoor.org.uk/jobs/htm)

**FiSH:** You can vote for FiSH as the 'Charity of the Year' that will be adopted by Barnes' Sainsbury's: <https://www.sainsburyslocalcharity.co.uk/> <https://www.facebook.com/FiSHHelpBarnes/> If you use Facebook and don't already follow FiSH, they'd love it if you could... and then like or share anything you can! Facebook has the potential to be a really useful tool for FiSH to circulate information, but sadly isn't being much used as yet.

### Save the Date

**Sunday 17th September at 7.30pm:**

Gyles Brandreth and Richard Harries debate "What really is happiness?"



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