

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.

Church Urban Fund Prayer

God of compassion, your love for humanity was revealed in Jesus, whose earthly life began in the poverty of a stable and ended in the pain and isolation of the cross: we hold before you those who are homeless and cold this Winter. Draw near and comfort them in spirit and bless those who work to provide them with shelter, food and friendship. We ask this in Jesus' name. *Amen.*

Services today

8am	Holy Communion BCP	President & preacher: Rev'd Ann Lynes
10am	Parish Eucharist	President: Bishop Richard Harries Preacher: Rev'd Ann Lynes
11.30am	Christingle Service	Officiants: Rev'd Ann Lynes & Rev'd Richard Sewell
6pm	Carol Service	Officiants: Rev'd Richard Sewell & Rev'd Ann Lynes

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 the week

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gospel: Matthew 11 vv2-11

First Reading: Isaiah 35 vv1-10

Hymns for 10am: 39, 36, 38, 47

Hymns for 11.30am: hymns on sheet

Anthem: We wait for thy loving kindness *by McKie*



St Mary's Church, Barnes

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Special Prayers for this week:

St Mary's outward giving projects:

Church Urban Fund: its staff, and the communities its funds support

The sick, including Alastair Mackie, Joan Putz, Alan Mitchell, Marjorie Wing, June Blunt, Imogen Smith, Andrea Walshe, Ferelith Reay

Those who have died: Leonard Lewis; Alan Marchant

Anniversaries of death: Dr Alfred McCarrison Russell; Paulette Laporte; Margaret Gairdner; Judith Butcher

This week

Mon to Fri daily	9.05am	Morning Prayer
Mondays	2.30pm	Sewing group as arranged (contact Rosie on 8876 5338)
Thursdays	10am	Home group meets for bible/book study at 2 Mill Hill Road. Anyone is welcome (contact Fiona 8878 6975)
Thurs 15 th Dec	11.15am	Quiet Time
	12 noon	Holy Communion (CW): President & preacher: Rev'd Richard Sewell
Sat 17 th Dec	10.30am	Coffee shop in the Melvill Room
Sunday	8am	Holy Communion (BCP):
18th Dec		President & preacher: Rev'd Richard Sewell
Fourth	10am	Parish Eucharist: President: Rev'd Ann Lynes
Sunday		Preacher: Rev'd Richard Sewell
of Advent	6pm	Healing & Wholeness: Officiant: Rev'd Richard Sewell

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Charity of the week: Church Urban Fund

The proceeds of the Carol Service go, as in past years, to the Church Urban Fund.

The Fund was set up by the Church of England 30 years ago. Currently it has three national programmes, to bring about sustainable change: it helps local communities address hate and prejudice by encouraging different communities to work together to meet local needs; it helps communities ensure that everyone has a safe place to go to find a friendly face, a cup of tea and a conversation; and it helps communities tackle the distress caused by unmanageable personal debt through setting up local support services.

St Mary's Christmas Fair: All the money taken by our Christmas Fair has now been gathered in and the grand total is £6891. This is a superb result and represents an outstanding effort by many of our people who brought their creativity and commercial nous to the enterprise. Special thanks go to Louise Thompson who co-ordinated the Fair. Richard and the PCC would like to express their thanks to everyone involved.

Waiting on God:

Four Advent Prayer Workshops

from 8-9pm in St Mary's Church each Tuesday in Advent
No prior experience necessary. Come as you are.

Tuesday 13th December

The Silence Within

Tuesday 20th December

Julian of Norwich

Flyers at the back of church.

Rev'd Ann Lynes: It was announced on Sunday 27th November that Rev'd Ann Lynes has been appointed as Vicar of Holy Trinity, Northwood. We are delighted for Ann that at the end of her curacy she has this exciting job to go to but we are very sorry indeed to see her go. Her last Sunday will be January 29th 2017.

Christmas Post: It is a pleasure to report that we have been able to recruit enough volunteers to run this again for Christmas 2016. Deliveries cost 20p per card and a box for items to be posted is at the back of the church next to the "cards for sale". We will continue to deliver up to 23 December. Please note we **cannot** deliver to restricted areas such as blocks of flats and schools.

New CCTV

The PCC has had to install CCTV because of a series of expensive break-ins, or attempts, over the last couple of years. The cameras are on the outside walls of the church and they cover only the approaches to the office and Melvill room doors, and the back passage. Images will be used only if we find or suspect nefarious activities, and then they will be shared only with the police.

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

St Michael's will be holding a service of Lessons and Carols by Candlelight on Sunday 18th December at 6pm. Do join this special service of Christmas Bible readings, much loved carols and beautiful choral anthems. Afterwards, everyone is invited to stay for refreshments.

Barnes Charity Ball 2017 is on Friday 3rd February and there are a few tickets available for this wonderful local event that supports a number of local, national and international charities. Treat yourself to the most exciting formal event in Barnes. To apply for tickets, download the form from the website www.barnescharityball.org and make sure your application is in asap.

Barnes Music Festival 2017 programme listing has been published with 29 events from 11th to 26th March at venues across Barnes, centred on St Mary's. Pick up a leaflet from the back of the church and save the dates. Full programme details and tickets available from December.

Barnes Young Musician

In a new venture for 2017 the Barnes Music Festival and Barnes Music Society are looking to award the title of Barnes Young Musician to a local instrumentalist or pianist. Closing date for applications is January 9th 2017 and the adjudication will be led by Ralph Allwood MBE on the opening day of the Festival in March. Full details and application form can be found on the Music Festival website www.barnesmusicfestival.com



Sunday 11th December:

Christingle at 11.30am

St Mary's Carol Service at 6pm

Saturday 24th December:

St Mary's Nativity Services at 3.30pm and 5pm

11.30pm Midnight Communion

Sunday 25th December

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Christmas Eucharist

11.30am Informal Service

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