

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

Lord of the journey.

We ask for protection on all who have fled their homes through war and conflict.

Give them strength on their journeys and grant

that they may find places of compassion in which to rest.

Keep alive their vision of finding a secure and welcoming home.

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 13th May

8am	Holy Communion BCP	President & preacher: Rev'd Richard Sewell
10am	Parish Eucharist	President: Rev'd Richard Sewell
		Preacher: Sophie Brightwell of Christian Aid
11.30am	Garden of Remembrance Service	Officiant: Rev'd Richard Sewell
6pm	Healing & Wholeness	Officiant: Rev'd Richard Sewell

Collect for 13th May

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Reading: Acts 1 vv15-17, 21-end **Gospel:** John 17 vv6-19 **10am hymns:** 223, 236, 460, 358

Special Prayers:

St Mary's outward giving projects: Christian Aid

The sick, including Alastair Mackie, Anne White, Shelagh Mitchell

Those who have died: Elizabeth Casson, Jill Chandler, Gerda Griffin

Anniversaries of death: Patricia Blackburne; David Tetther; Daisy Ambrose

This week

Mon to Fri	9.05am	Morning Prayer
Mondays	2.30pm	Sewing group (contact Rosie on 8876 5338)
Thurs 17 th May	11.15am	Quiet Time
	12 noon	Holy Communion (CW): Rev'd Richard Sewell
Sat 19 th May	10.30am	Coffee Shop in the Melvill Room
Sun 20 th May	8am	Holy Communion BCP: President & preacher: Rev'd Richard Sewell
Pentecost	10am	Parish Eucharist: President: Rev'd Richard Sewell
		Preacher: Geoffrey Barnett
	11.30am	Informal Service: Officiant: Rev'd Richard Sewell
	6pm	Evensong: Officiant: Geoffrey Barnett

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



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This month's Charity: Christian Aid

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 13TH – 19TH MAY 2018 – Together we are stronger than the storms

“Poverty is an outrage against humanity. It robs people of their dignity and lets injustice thrive. But together we have the power to transform lives.” This year the focus is on very basic hurricane-proof housing for families in Haiti. Go to caweek.org to read the stories of Vilia, Marcelin and Joscelyne. Many thanks to all those from our congregation who are helping to fund-raise this week.

Volunteers are still needed to collect in KITSON, LOWTHER, BARONSMEAD, NASSAU, BYFIELD, ELM GROVE AND CHURCH ROADS. If you have a few hours to spare this week and could help, that would be amazing. Please contact David Coppinger: david.coppinger@me.com or Celia Cleave celiacleave3@gmail.com or on 02088760254.

We are about to introduce a new musical setting for our 10am Eucharist. Having enjoyed the current setting for about six years we are overdue a change. It will take a while to get used to it but we hope everyone enjoys the new setting which is 'Thorne'. This setting will begin to be used at our 10am Pentecost service on 20th May.

Elizabeth Casson: Elizabeth's funeral will be held at 9.30am on Monday 14th May 2018 at Mortlake Crematorium. Everyone is welcome.

GDPR – please give us your consent!

Everyone who is on our current database should by now have received an email/letter, asking for agreement that St Mary's can continue to store their contact details. We can then still send information about events and services. If you haven't yet replied (or you can't remember seeing the letter/email), you can either email feedback@stmarybarnes.org or complete a form at the back of church. The same applies if you would like to join our circulation list. The new data protection law comes into effect on 25 May 2018. If we have not heard from you by then, we will no longer be able to keep you up to date. Full details can be found on www.stmarybarnes.org/gdpr or in printed form at the back of church. Do ask Judy if you're confused! Judy Gowing, judygowing@gmail.com

A Celebration of Shadows: Sat 26th May 7.45pm

In order to begin fundraising for the production of The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe they are due to stage at St Mary's in October, local theatre company Shadow Road (www.shadowroad.com) are holding a special, one-off performance on May 26th at 7.45pm. Join Director Emma King-Farlow, Musical Director Josh Gordon, and their talented cast for an entertaining evening of songs from the musicals, readings, and scenes from Shakespeare, Shadow Road's original work, and elsewhere. All pieces focus on theatre & creativity, childhood & children's literature, soldiers & the military, or mental health. Tickets cost £12 and are available online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/shadowroad or in person from the church office between 10am-12 noon and 2-4pm every weekday. (Please note: one of the military pieces features some strong language.)

Dementia Action Week event: Thursday 24th May 11am to 3.30pm at the Richmond Library Annexe, Quadrant Road, Richmond. Free information session and exhibition of creative work by people with dementia.

Message from Paul Teverson: I have been very privileged to serve as Churchwarden at St Mary's over the last six years. Thank you to everyone for all your support. Thank you as well for the beautiful olive-wood candlesticks from Nazareth, for Joseph Millis's book 'Jerusalem the Story of a Great City' and for the very generous cheque. I am truly touched by these gifts.

Exploring the Way

The home group *Exploring the Way* will be meeting again on Tuesday evening 1st May at 20 Berkeley Road, and on subsequent Tuesday evenings 8, 15, 22, 29 May and 5 June. We will be looking at the Gospel of Luke. All evenings commence at 7.30pm. New members are always very welcome and if you would like to hear more please contact either Christabel Gairdner on 8748 1218 or Lucy Hine on 8748 4852.

APCM: The Annual Review and Annual Report and also the Rector's Address are now available at the back of church. At our APCM, Fouki Heller was voted in as St Mary's new Churchwarden. We are delighted to welcome Fouki onto the team. After six years' sterling service, Paul Teverson has stood down. Many thanks to him for all he has done through this time.

Ascensiontide Prayer: From Monday to Thursday this week there will be a short service of evening prayer in the Langton Chapel at 5pm to mark Ascensiontide. All are welcome.

Homeless Lunches: St Mary's is in a rota with other churches providing a Sunday Lunch for homeless people once or twice a year. Sandra Sherratt has organised this for over ten years and is stepping down next year for a couple of years. We need one or two people to offer to take this on now so that they can shadow Sandra this year to understand what is required and so we would like to hear from anyone interested. The date for this year is Sunday August 12th. There is a team of half a dozen people who can help out so it's a great community thing to do. The person/people could help out with the lunch this year to feel more confident to co-ordinate next year. Please contact Rev'd Richard if you are interested.

Scrapbooking: St Mary's has wonderful scrapbooks at the back of church which were compiled by Maisie Brown. Sadly, due to ill health, she is no longer able to maintain them. If anyone would be interested in carrying on this important role, please talk to Richard.

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