

**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 Jesus Christ you have said that you are the Way, the Truth and the Life. Do not allow us to stray from you, who are the Way, nor to distrust you who are the Truth nor to rest in anything other than you who are the Life. Amen.  
*(Prayer of Desiderius Erasmus)*

### Services on 17<sup>th</sup> December

8am	Holy Communion BCP	President & preacher: Rev'd Richard Sewell
10am	Parish Eucharist	President: Bishop Richard Harries Preacher: Rev'd Richard Sewell
6pm	St Mary's Carol Service	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 17<sup>th</sup> December

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 for ever.

**First Reading:** Isaiah 61 vv1-4, 8-end

**Gospel:** John 1 vv6-8, 19-28

**10am hymns:** 394, 46, 654, 805

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:

The charities St Mary's supports, especially FiSH and Castelnau Centre

**The sick,** including Alastair Mackie, Carole Stratton

**Those who have died:** Mayella Figgis; Bob Stack

**Anniversaries of death:** Judith Butcher; Ferelith Reay; Peter Juster; Eileen Hall, Andrew Rutherford

### This week

Mon to Fri	9.05am	Morning Prayer
Mondays	2.30pm	Sewing group (contact Rosie on 8876 5338)
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec		NO MIDDAY SERVICE DUE TO FUNERAL
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	10.30am	Coffee Shop in the Melvill Room in aid of Christian Aid Christmas Appeal
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	8am	Holy Communion BCP: President & preacher: Sister Margaret Anne
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	10am	Parish Eucharist: President: Rev'd Richard Sewell Preacher: Geoffrey Barnett
	3.30 & 5pm	St Mary's Nativity Services
	11.30pm	Midnight Communion: President: Rev'd Richard Sewell Preacher: Bishop Richard Harries

**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.**

## Our charity over Christmas: the Church Urban Fund

The collection at the Carol Service will be donated to the Church Urban Fund. This charity was launched by the Church of England in 1987 to tackle poverty in England's poorest communities. CUF gives grants to local projects, to help those struggling with food poverty, spiralling debts, homelessness and isolation. It funds community development, it seeks to bring together people from diverse communities, and it seeks to tackle financial injustice. By last year it had awarded £80 million to social action projects around the country.

**Memorial Window:** After much planning and many delays the 1215 Memorial Window has been installed in the Langton Chapel. This commemorates the sealing of Magna Carta and our connection with it through the visit of Archbishop Stephen Langton to St Mary's on his return to London from Runnymede. We celebrated the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this event in 2015. We shall be planning a special event to celebrate this important new addition to the fabric of our historic and beautiful church. Many thanks to those who have worked hard to get this project from conception through to completion.

### Waiting on God – Advent Prayer Workshops Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm

Praying with St Aidan & St Cuthbert (7<sup>th</sup> century Celtic saints) Led by Sisterr Margaret Anne

### Rare opportunity

John Harries, our Gift Aid Secretary, would like to retire in the not too distant future, and we are looking for someone with a little time to spare to do this essential job, which last year extracted over £45,000 from HMRC for St. Mary's. It calls for someone at ease with figures and computer software; the job is largely independent, and can be done very much when you feel like it. To arrange a briefing, call John on 8255 0009 or email [jmharries@btinternet.com](mailto:jmharries@btinternet.com)

**Carols for All** a dementia-friendly carol service will be held on 21st December from 2-3pm for people living with dementia, their families and carers, followed by refreshments. The service will be shorter than usual, and feature familiar tunes and carols that everyone knows. It is a partnership by St Mary's and the Dover House Singers, a Putney based community choir, and is sponsored by the Barnes Community Association.

### Christian Aid Christmas appeal coffee shop 23<sup>rd</sup> December– double your donation

On Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December the coffee shop will be in aid of the Christian Aid Christmas appeal which focuses on the fight against hunger in South Sudan and Burkina Faso. The Government will double all donations to this appeal. An opportunity not to be missed! Gift aid envelopes will be available. Further information from [celiacleave3@gmail.com](mailto:celiacleave3@gmail.com)

**Christmas Gifts for the Glass Door Homeless,** please do donate **new** socks, gloves, scarves, hats and especially underwear are greatly appreciated, as are toiletries. Box at the back of church.

**Christmas Post Delivery box** at the back of church, SW13 only. 20p donation.

**Celebrity Football Match** due to be played at Barn Elms last Sunday was regrettably cancelled since the pitch was waterlogged. The match is being re-scheduled for January and all tickets are valid for the re-schedule. Date to be confirmed as soon as possible.

**Barnes Music Festival 2018** tickets are now on sale, available online via [barnesmusicfestival.com/tickets](http://barnesmusicfestival.com/tickets) or in person at Chestertons offices in Barnes. Please check the website for full details of events, timings and ticket prices and buy in time for Christmas!



**CHRISTMAS AT  
ST MARY'S  
BARNES**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December**  
 8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 10am Parish Eucharist  
 St Mary's Carol Service at 6pm

**Christmas Eve**  
 8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 10am Parish Eucharist  
 St Mary's Nativity Services  
 at 3.30pm and 5pm  
 11.30pm Midnight Communion

**Christmas Day**  
 8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 10am All Age Christmas Eucharist  
 11.30am All Age Informal Service  
 No Evensong

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December**  
 8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 10am Parish Eucharist  
 No Evensong

No Thursday Midday Communion on  
 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> December



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