

**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

God of heaven and earth, artist and artisan. Free us to see things afresh,  
that we may be fully alive and live truly for your glory. Amen.

*Joy Tetley*

**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.

**Church Electoral Roll:** Every six years the Church Electoral Roll must be updated. This means that everyone who considers themselves a member of St Mary's Barnes needs to complete a simple form within the next few weeks. There are forms at the back of church. Please take a couple of minutes to fill it in and leave it in the box as you leave. Completing the form carries with it no duty or obligation. It simply is a statement that you are a proud member of the congregation.

### Services on 24<sup>th</sup> February

8am	Holy Communion BCP	President & preacher: Rev'd Sister Margaret Anne
8.45am	Parish Breakfast	In the Melvill Room
10am	Parish Eucharist	President & preacher: Bishop Richard Harries
11.30am	Informal Service with baptisms	Officiant: Rev'd Judith Roberts
6pm	Evensong	Officiant: Christabel Gairdner

### Collect for 24<sup>th</sup> February

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. Amen.

**First Reading:** Genesis 2 vv4b-9, 15-end **Gospel:** Luke 8 vv22-25 **10am hymns:** 532, 691, 763, 810

If you have, or know of anyone who has a pastoral concern, please let Fiona Barnett know.  
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### Special Prayers:

**The sick,** including Anne White, Philip Mitchell, Sylvia Howell, Barbara Bryant, Anthony Breene

### Those who have recently died:

Bob & Jean Glover, Michael Kimber, Christine Percival, Lesley Lorimer, David Allen

**Anniversaries of death:** Derek Wheaton; Robert Hargreaves; Dee Buttle

### This week

Mon to Wed	9.05am	Morning Prayer in the Langton Chapel
Mondays	2.30pm	Sewing group (contact Rosie on 8876 5338)
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	11.15am	Quiet Time
	12 noon	Holy Communion (BCP): President & preacher: Rev'd Sister Margaret Anne
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	10.30am	Coffee Shop in the Melvill Room
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	8am	Holy Communion BCP: President & preacher: Rev'd Sister Margaret Anne
<b>Sunday next</b>	10am	Parish Eucharist: President & preacher: Rev'd Sister Margaret Anne
<b>before Lent</b>	6pm	Evensong: Officiant: Geoffrey Barnett
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> March	8pm	Ash Wednesday Service with choir singing parts of Faure Requiem: President & preacher: Rev'd Sister Margaret Anne

## Our charity this month: Under Tree Schools – Giving girls a future in South Sudan

As we go about our day, we can think of the school day of the girls of the UTS school in South Sudan. The 400 girls walk to school (no school runs by Mums) from the town that has grown up round the school. Some walk miles each day through the bush. Lessons take up the morning and cover much the same range of subjects as in England. The girls are taught in English. They have been having IT lessons on the school computers though these are now in need of replacement: nothing lasts very long in the climate of Malek Alel. The school day ends at lunchtime with a hot meal, with food supplied by the World Food Programme, and cooked by our four cooks. The school has an oven to make bread (cheaper to buy grain than buy bread itself). Once a month the food includes meat, sometimes from the school's cattle herd from which the girls learn animal husbandry. In the afternoons the 8 classrooms are empty; in recent years the teachers have been taking classes for adults, though these are currently in limbo as parents need to focus on making money to feed their families. At night the compound is lit by solar power: like the computers this needs refurbishment and UTS trustees await the time when the area will again be safe enough to be able to transport the spare parts to the school. [www.undertreeschools.org](http://www.undertreeschools.org)

**Bob & Jean Glover:** Many will know of the deaths of Bob and Jean. Their funeral will be held at Mortlake Crematorium on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 10.40am.

**Women's World Day of Prayer:** World Day of Prayer brings together people from all over the world to pray for justice, peace, freedom and mutual understanding. This year's service has been put together by the women of Slovenia (once part of Yugoslavia), and is an open invitation to all to come to God's table. Through the voices of mothers, girls, wives and grandmothers, Roma, migrant workers and refugees, we hear the story of Slovenia's political, social and economic history from its socialist-communist past to the present day. It is a service of music, singing and prayer. Its story holds up a mirror to all countries which have been torn apart by war and conquest, and the effect it has on the souls of those living through those times. Please do come on Friday 1st March at 4pm at St Mary's to this fascinating, moving service.

**Ash Wednesday:** Do come and start Lent with us at a special Ash Wednesday Communion service with Imposition of Ashes. The choir will sing movements from Faure's Requiem. The service, on 6th March, is at 8pm.

### Lent Group at 2 Mill Hill Road, SW13

We shall read Jane Williams' new book, *The Merciful Humility of God*, on Thursday mornings 10.30am to 12 noon starting on 7<sup>th</sup> March.

All welcome, for more information, ring Geoffrey or Fiona Barnett on 8878 6975

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**Barnes Music Festival** – just two weeks to go to the start of the Barnes Music Festival. Please pick up your copy of the brochure from the back of the church or from the dispenser on the lych-gate and book your tickets now.

Highlights at St Mary's include:

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| 9 March  | Opening Concert <i>Re-Composed</i> with star violinist Fenella Humphreys |
| 12 March | <i>Rêverie Debussy</i> with Lucy Parham & Alistair McGowan               |
| 13 March | Violin Recital by Henry Chandler   |
| 15 March | <i>Bach St John Passion</i> with Tiffin Boys' Choir                      |
| 16 March | <i>Turn of the Screw</i> opera   |
| 17 March | Come & Sing <i>Invictus</i> with Howard Goodall                          |
| 18 Mar   | <i>Byron Don Juan</i> musico-drama                                       |
| 24 Mar   | Festival Choral Evensong with Bishop David Stancliffe                    |

Tickets from Chestertons offices or on-line at [www.barnesmusicfestival.com](http://www.barnesmusicfestival.com)

### CTiB Lent Talk Thurs 14th March, 7.30 for 8pm, Chris Patten, St Osmund's Church Hall

Lord Patten is a member of the House of Lords, formerly an MP (Cons) who held Ministerial Office and other significant posts including Governor of Hong Kong and Chairman of the BBC. Lately he has been assisting the Vatican in improving their Communications and Media. He is currently Chancellor of Oxford University. Lord Patten will speak on 'My Life, My Faith'.

### Charity Bike Sale 2019

We are looking for someone to join the team running the Bike Sale on Barnes Fair Day (13th July). Specifically, we need someone to help us promote the sale and get as many bikes and buyers as possible. For more info, contact Judy Gowing [judygowing@gmail.com](mailto:judygowing@gmail.com) 07703 312913

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