

Welcome to St Mary's. We are delighted that church services have resumed. As requested by the Department for Health and Social Care, we will keep your details safely and in compliance with GDPR legislation for 21 days before securely disposing of or deleting them. We will only share your details with NHS Test and Trace, if asked, in the event that it is needed to help stop the spread of coronavirus. We will not use your details for any other purposes or pass them on to anyone else.

Please download the NHS Covid-19 App on your phone so that you can scan the unique QR code we now have on posters throughout the church. You will need to do this each time you attend St Mary's Barnes. This is in addition to signing in with the sidespeople on the front desk. Along with using the provided hand sanitiser and maintaining social distancing, **wearing a face covering** is now mandatory, unless you are exempt for medical reasons. Please do not attend if you are experiencing any symptoms.

Those leading services, including readings and prayers are not required to wear face coverings unless they are within 2 metres of others. The priest will wear a covering for the administration of Holy Communion. Please do not attend if you are experiencing any Coronavirus symptoms. We will continue to put services [online](#) for those unable to come to church.

Prayer for the week

When I feel afraid and I think I've lost my way
Still you're there right beside me
Nothing will I fear as long as you are near
Please be near me to the end

We are marking today as Bible Sunday, alongside many churches across the country. It provides an opportunity to mark the centrality of scripture in our understanding of Jesus Christ and God's word for us today. I would encourage you to look afresh at the bible and how you can build it into your daily habits more effectively. There are many good resources to help you do this which you can find on the [Church of England](#) website, or agencies like the [Bible Reading Fellowship](#) or [Bible Society](#). These can provide a short daily passage either printed or digitally. You might also like to join one of our church bible study groups. Please contact myself or one of our Readers, Christabel and Geoffrey, if you would like to know more.

8am Holy Communion (BCP) led by Rev'd Sister Margaret Anne

10am Parish Eucharist: President: Rev'd James Hutchings, Preacher: Father Stephen Stavrou

The Choral Scholars will be singing live this Sunday

There is no Sunday Club this week but the 10am service on Sunday 1st November is an All Age Parish Eucharist

6pm NO EVENSONG

Confirmation Service at St Michael's & All Angels

Those being confirmed this Sunday from St Mary's Barnes:

Richard Adams, Julian Anderson, Charlie Bark, Henry Cowell, Imogen Smith

Other services and events

Morning Prayer 8.45am Monday-Friday in the Langton Chapel. You can join Morning Prayer live on Facebook www.facebook.com/stmarybarnes/ at 8.45am or anytime after it ends.

Thursday 29th October 12 noon Holy Communion (BCP) led by Father Stephen Stavrou

Collect for 25th October 2020

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word we may embrace and forever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Reading: Colossians 3:12-17 Gospel: Matthew 24:30-35

Special Prayers: [FiSH Neighbourhood Care](#)

The sick, including Isabelle, Irene May Wilson, Anne White, Monty & Maisie Brown, Liz Fergusson, Barry Kay, Georgie Walmsley, David Delaforce, Tony Dundas **Anniversaries of death:** Frank White

Those who have died: Josephine Harris

CHURCH OPEN DAILY FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION

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You are asked to clean hands with the sanitizer at the entrance on arrival and departure.

Please remember to social distance.

Church closed daily temporarily

We have regrettably suspended our usual daily opening due to concerns from the police and other churches about a potentially disruptive individual. We are still open for services and pre-arranged events. We hope to return to normal hours from Monday 2nd November or as soon as possible thereafter.

Online Church: The Parish Eucharist is recorded and available by early afternoon on the St Mary's YouTube channel, which can be found by using the web link shown here: [YouTube](#) It can also be found on the [Online Church](#) page on our website, where you will also find links to Morning Prayer, other services, music and children's resources and photo gallery. You can join Morning Prayer live on Facebook www.facebook.com/stmarybarnes/ at 8.45am or anytime after it ends.

You don't have to be a Facebook member to watch it (just click 'not now' when it prompts you to join).

Text Giving: To donate to support the maintenance and work of St Mary's, text STMARYBARNES to 70450, adding the amount you wish to give (i.e. to donate £5 text STMARYBARNES5/ for £10 text STMARYBARNES10 and so on). Texts cost your donation plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text STMARYBARNESNOINFO to 70450 adding the amount as above (i.e. £5 STMARYBARNESNOINFO5).

Church scrapbooks: will be featured on the [History & Architecture](#) page on the website and social media.

Parish Support Fund: The way the Church of England parishes support ministry and mission is through a pooled budget called the Parish Support Fund. As one of the parishes with the greatest capacity to give, St Mary's is voluntarily giving £180,000, which pays not only for our own ministry here, but also for the equivalent of parishes with another 1.5 vicars elsewhere in the diocese. As you know, Southwark is very diverse, and many parishes would be without a vicar if they had to fund all their costs locally. It is right and biblical that we do this, just as St Paul encouraged the Corinthians to support other Christian communities in need. Your generous giving enables the PCC to do this, and for the diocese to work together as a family, so thank you.

We will be holding an All Souls' Service at 6pm on Sunday 1st November 2020. There is a form which can be filled out on our [Online Church](#) page if you wish us to remember your loved ones.

You can also find the link for this form [here](#). Please remember to click 'Submit' at the end of the form. Seating for this service is limited and about half the seating is already reserved. Do let the Church Office know if you wish to come, this will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. office@stmarybarnes.org

We are starting a new **Tuesday service** for pre-school age children and their parents and carers. This will start on 10th November at 10am. It will be Covid-19 regulation compliant, but also fun and interactive!

There will be music, story, an activity and prayers. Please contact Jackie at children@stmarybarnes.org if you would like to come or know more.

Barnes Charity Bike Sale

We obviously haven't been able to run our annual Bike Sale on Barnes Fair Day this year, but James, our ace mechanic, has still been busy repairing and renovating bikes. If you are in the market for a bike, please contact bikes@stmarybarnes.org with an idea of what you are looking for (road/mountain/shopper/etc) and your phone number.

Bamboo sticks wanted! I need 30 sticks of a metre length or so. Once coloured markers are added to the sticks, this will be used to mark out the churchyard to help social distancing at the Remembrance Sunday service on 8th November. revdjames@stmarybarnes.org

November 7th & 8th sees the launch of the inaugural [Barnes BookFest](#) a collaboration between the [Barnes Bookshop](#), the [Friends of St Mary's Barnes](#), the [Barnes Literary Society](#) and organiser Anne Mullins. In a weekend of talks and screenings, some of Britain's best writers will be giving an insight into the way they work and the subjects that fascinate them, including Andrew Graham Dixon, Michael Morpurgo, Gyles Brandreth, Richard Harries, Simon Heffer, Bob Champion, Edwin Mullins and Salley Vickers.

Sunday November 8th at 4pm: Richard Harries will discuss 'Love and Faith in T S Eliot' Followed by a signing of his latest books: Haunted by Christ: Modern Writers and the Struggle for Faith and Seeing God in Art: The Christian Faith in 30 Images at St Mary's Church, Barnes

Online Christian Meditation Group: An invitation is extended to anyone from this parish who would like to join an online group of people practising Christian meditation. No previous experience is necessary. The group initially formed from members of the St Anne's Church in Kew, but since the practice has been offered online it now includes Christians from across the country and others seeking a nourishing and contemplative practice which leads to inner peace and a sense of calm and well-being. It is led by David Boddy, an experienced Meditator and member of the St Anne's community. The group meets online at 7am on Friday mornings and concludes around 7.50am. If you would like to try a session, please email the group administrator Suzie Oweiss at soweiss@tutordoctor.co.uk, copying in David at dj.boddy@gmail.com. For further information you can contact Paul Palmarozza, a member of St Mary's parish, at pppalmarozza@gmail.com. You will be very welcome.

Castelnau Centre Project is running '**Walk & Talk**' every weekday morning from 9.30am to 10.30am. Meet at the Centre and we will take a stroll and have a chat. Walks depend on participant preference & mobility. www.castelnaucentreproject.co.uk

Eleanor Bunyard, the Home Manager of [Viera Gray House](#) is appealing for donations, she says, 'Due to the restrictions of visiting in care homes, we have to ensure we are Covid-19 safe when planning. Now that the winter is slowly approaching, the current visits in the garden will stop, as will the visits in the small outside gazebo. We have thought about purchasing a garden house so we can hold visits in that and the conservatory but this comes with great cost and exceeds what we can afford with the current budget so high from PPE expenditure.' Celia Cleave of The Friends of Viera Gray says, 'We have decided to put the funds we have in our account, just under £1,300 towards this appeal from the Home (if the building is not erected, our grant is to be used for activities for the residents to be agreed with us). Eleanor is very determined to erect this building. She has some money given to the Home by relatives but even with our grant, they will only have raised approximately half of what is needed to buy a very basic building.' Eleanor needs to raise £5,000 to purchase a garden house and she has set up a [JustGiving page](#) for donations. There is no need to pay towards JustGiving administrative costs; just press 'other' when asked to do so. Please help if you can.

St Mary's takes the safeguarding and care of children and vulnerable adults very seriously.

Our **Parish Safeguarding Officers** are Elisabeth Munden and Natasha Mold. If you have any concerns about the safety or welfare of a child or vulnerable adults, they can be contacted via safeguarding@stmarybarnes.org or the Church Office on 0208 741 5422.

St Mary's charity of the month: Early in lockdown, FiSH was given a donation of 10 sacks of potatoes by Henry's Fish Bar in East Sheen. This was quickly followed by a generous donation of food items from Waitrose and other local shops. FiSH volunteers with a catering background began cooking homemade ready meals and between March and August over 1800 meals were delivered to people in Barnes, Mortlake and East Sheen. When the meals stopped, the cream teas began and FiSH are now delivering tea boxes containing scones, jam, cream and cake on a weekly basis. Over 750 have gone out so far, thanks to the generosity of our volunteer bakers. Each box goes out with a label saying 'With love from FiSH' and each box reminds the recipient that they are not alone and there the local community cares.

If you can help, please download an application form from the FiSH website: www.fishhelp.org.uk
More info from Judy Gowing who is always happy to talk about FiSH!