

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.

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 26th March

Mothering Sunday

8am	Holy Communion BCP	President & preacher: Bishop Richard Harries
8.45am	Parish Breakfast	In the Melvill Room
10am	Parish Eucharist	President: Rev'd Richard Sewell, preacher: Geoffrey Barnett
11.30am	Informal Service	Officiant: Rev'd Richard Sewell
6pm	Festival Choral Evensong with combined choirs of St Mary's and St Michael's	Officiant: Rev'd Richard Sewell, Cantor: Rev'd Stephen Stavrou Preacher: Bishop Michael Marshall

Collect for 26th March

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

10am: First Reading: 2 Corinthians 1 vv 3-7

Gospel: John 9

10am Hymns: 739, 394, 713, 604

Anthem: Ave Maria by Gounod

Barnes Music Festival



After a second week of wonderful music performances at St Mary's and across Barnes, the festival draws to a close this weekend with **Festival Choral Evensong at 6pm tonight** with Bishop Michael Marshall as the preacher. This is followed by a reception to which all are invited. **Many congratulations** to the Festival Committee for organising another very successful and enjoyable festival and **many thanks** to all who have taken part in this year's festival as musicians, volunteers, sponsors, supporters and of course audience.

Special Prayers:

St Mary's outward giving projects: The Bishop's Lent Call 2017

The sick, including Alastair Mackie, Joan Putz, Imogen Smith, Andrea Walshe, Carol Stratton

Anniversaries of death: John Wisdom; Robert Christopher Cousins; Lilian Price

Those who have died: Nigel Proddow; Diana Baxter; Rachel Locke

This week

Mon to Fri	9.05am	Morning Prayer
Monday	2.30pm	Sewing group (contact Rosie on 8876 5338)
Thursday	11.15am	Quiet Time
30 th March	12 noon	Holy Communion (BCP): President & preacher: Rev'd Richard Sewell
Sat 1 st April	10.30am	Coffee Shop in the Melvill Room in aid of Save the Children
Sunday	8am	Holy Communion (BCP): President: Rev'd Richard Sewell
2nd April	10am	Parish Eucharist: President: Rev'd Richard Sewell
Fifth Sunday of Lent	11.30am	Preacher: Christabel Gairdner
	6pm	Informal Service with baptisms: Officiant: Rev'd Richard Sewell
		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.

BISHOP'S LENT CALL 2017

A message from the Bishop of Southwark:

“For many years, the Bishop of Southwark’s Lent Call has raised money for projects within our own Diocese and further afield. In 2016 we were able to give grants totalling over £80,000 to our Link Dioceses in Zimbabwe, projects in the Holy Land which we visited during the Diocesan Pilgrimage in Lent and to projects that work with people in our Diocese. As we spend time in prayer and contemplation this Lent I hope that you will feel able to generously support the projects we are supporting in or Link Dioceses in Zimbabwe and locally in the Diocese of Southwark.” Over the next few weeks of Lent we will be highlighting these projects and a plate for donations will be at the back of the church.

Director of Music – PCC Update

Unfortunately, the second round of interviews failed to appoint a new person to this post. We had strong candidates and interviewed two suitable people. One of these performed very well and we offered him the post. After taking the weekend to consider, that person decided that his existing commitments did not allow him to fit the St Mary’s role around that. We did not offer the post to the other candidate. We are currently reviewing the situation before re-advertising. In the meantime, we are fortunate to have excellent deputies for Sunday duties.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

Please come and join us on Tuesday 27th March, 10am onwards, to give the church a Spring Clean! Coffee, tea and cake will be consumed! Please let Patty know if you can be there, (patdarke@yahoo.com) Bring a duster!

Coffee Shop 1st April: Your support is needed in order that Save the Children can continue their work both overseas & in the UK. For every £1 received, 88p is spent on activities to benefit children, 11p to raise the next £1 & 1p on governance and other costs.

Lent Group – God with Us

Five Thursday mornings 10.30 to 12 noon, beginning 9 March, at 2 Mill Hill Road studying Rowan Williams’ recent book, God with Us, the meaning of the cross and resurrection – then and now. All welcome – ring Fiona or Geoffrey Barnett for more information (8878 6975).

CTiB Lent Talks 2017:

Thursdays in Lent, 7.30pm refreshments, 8pm talk starts, 9.15pm finish

Homelessness – 30th March – Michael Sawyer

Barnes Methodist Church

Prisoners – 6th April – Andy Keen-Downs

St Osmund’s Church

After service coffee: is anyone is prepared to do a once a month stint on the coffee after the 10am service? Please contact Claire Boyling on claire.boyling@gmail.com



St Mary’s Church, Barnes



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The **Annual Parochial Church Council** is to be held on Thursday 27th April at 7.30pm. It’s the time when we look back on the events and achievements of the past year and look ahead. We are looking for four new members for the Church Council (PCC). and we would very much like to hear from anyone who would be interested to offer their time in this way. Patty Darke is standing down as Churchwarden this year so offers for that role are also welcome. There is a poster at the back of church marked WANTED which gives more information.

We are very pleased to announce that next year there will be a **Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land**. This will be led by Rev’d Richard and a local guide. The dates are 6th – 15th February. We need to know names of those interested before Easter so please do give this careful thought and speak to Richard if you want to know more. There are leaflets explaining the programme which outlines the itinerary. The cost is £1925 per person for a twin-bedded shared room with private facilities. There is a £475 supplement for any who wants to book a single room. We need to be a group of no less than 15 but can be double that size.

Free Piano Recital: Anthony Hewitt (professional) and Alistair McGowan (amateur) join forces again for a third evening of varied and varying piano pleasure at St Mary’s on April 3rd at 7.30pm. Alistair (Anthony’s hard-working pupil) will again play a small selection of short pieces by : Schubert, Philip Glass, Mompou, Field, Debussy, Tchaikovsky and Grieg before Anthony saves the day with a performance of Mussorgsky’s ‘Pictures at an Exhibition.’ The two previous concerts the pair have put on have been very warmly received. The most popular comment was : ‘We really got our money’s worth’. As before, there is no entrance fee. Just bring yourselves. And a friend. Duration 75 mins approx.

Easter Lilies: if you would like to buy a lily in memory of a loved one, please sign the list at the back of the church giving your name and the loved one’s name. The lilies cost £5 each and will form the entire floral part of our Easter display.

First Communion Course: Begins on 30th April. If any children aged 7 and up would like to participate in this year’s course, please speak to Rev Richard Sewell or fill in a form at the back of church and return to Rev Richard or the Church office.

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.

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