

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:

O God, early in the morning I cry to you.

Help me to pray and to concentrate my thoughts on you: I cannot do this alone.

In me there is darkness, but with you there is light; I am lonely, but you do not leave me;

I do not understand your ways, but you know the way for me.

Restore me to liberty, and enable me to live now Lord,
whatever this day may bring, your name be praised. **Amen.**

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Services today

8am	Holy Communion BCP	President & preacher: Rev'd Ann Lynes
10am	Parish Eucharist	President & preacher: Rev'd Richard Sewell
11.30am	Informal Service with baptism	Officiant: Rev'd Ann Lynes
6pm	Evensong	Officiant: Geoffrey Barnett

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 the 4th September

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen

Gospel: Luke 14 vv25-33

First Reading: Philemon vv1-21

Hymns for 10am: 589, 362, 669, 748

Anthem: If ye love me *by Tallis*

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

Special Prayers for this week:

St Mary's outward giving projects: Under Tree Schools

The sick, including Alastair Mackie, Joan Putz, Alan Mitchell, Marjorie Wing, June Blunt, Katherine Phillips, Rosie Findlater, Maggie Sharp, Lorna Moran; Imogen Smith, Andrea Walshe

Anniversaries of death: Edna Ward, Althea Palin

Those who have died: Herma Bradshaw; John Sullivan; Malcolm Ridley

This week

Mon to Fri daily	9.05am	Morning Prayer
Mondays	2.30pm	Sewing group as arranged (contact Rosie on 8876 5338)
Thursdays	10am	Home group meets for bible/book study at 2 Mill Hill Road. Anyone is welcome (contact Fiona 8878 6975)
Thurs 8 th Sept	11.15am	Quiet Time
	12 noon	Holy Communion (CW): President & preacher: Rev'd Richard Sewell
Sat 10 th Sept	10.30am	Coffee Shop in the Melvill Room
Sunday	8am	Holy Communion (BCP):
11th Sept		President & preacher: Bishop Richard Harries
Patronal	10am	Parish Eucharist:
Festival		President: Rev'd Richard Sewell, preacher: Rev'd Ann Lynes
	6pm	Healing & Wholeness: Officiant: Rev'd Richard Sewell

Under Tree Schools, our charity of the month

The school is now in its eighth year. About 350 girls start each year, aged 6 to 15. Some fall out during the year, or during their school career, as parents need them at home or in the fields. But all of them have got some sense of formal education. Some of them have made it all the way to year 8, at age 15 - about a dozen a year on average. And really excitingly 28 of them so far have gone on to secondary school, thanks to the encouragement the school gives them (and UTS's contribution to the fees they pay). So they are well on the way to getting the qualifications they need to get jobs - they will be among the first girls in South Sudan to be able to start careers.

Joseph Ayok's vision is bearing fruit.

See the board at the back of church for more details, and how we can continue to help them.

New Parent/Toddler Group: We are starting a new group for Parents & Toddlers called St Mary's Minis which will meet every Thursday morning in term time from 10am - 11.15am in Kitson Hall. We have a lovely large space to use and lots of good toys for different ages of children. We also want to give the parents (or carers) a really good experience too so there will be croissants and good quality coffee. During the session there will be a short story-time worship slot in which we can share Bible stories and songs. We will charge just £2 per child to cover refreshment costs. everything. But we need a good team of volunteers to help to run the sessions on a rota basis and we hope that members of St Mary's congregation will help to do this. If anyone would like to be part of the team running this important new group please contact Charlie Auton on children@stmarybarnes.org or Richard on rector@stmarybarnes.org

Rough Guide to Christianity Course: For all adults who would like to learn more about the basics of Christian faith and for anyone considering confirmation and receiving Communion. Registration form at the back of church. Dates and times are: Thursdays 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th September and 6th October. Each session will start with supper at 7pm followed by a presentation and discussion from 8pm. Venue: Ellerton Room.

Request for parking space: Charlie Auton, our Youth Worker, has been refused a concessionary parking permit by Richmond Council as he does not fall under the categories of clergy, teacher or carer! Does anyone have enough space in an off-road driveway for him to park (he has a small car) when he works at St Mary's or Kitson Hall? Please alert the church office on 0208 741 5422 or office@stmarybarnes.org or children@stmarybarnes.org

Vocations Fair: an opportunity to explore, talk to others and find out more about your vocation. Saturday 24th September 2.30-5pm at St Mark's, Wimbledon. Please talk to Richard Sewell if you'd like to know more. There's a flyer at the back of church and in the porch.

The Diocese of Southwark is once again running its Bishop's Certificate course. It is now entitled Growing in Faith and Life and is a year-long course run at Trinity House in London Bridge. It is highly recommended for anyone who wants to study Christianity and go deeper into the faith. There are leaflets about this at the back of church.

SAVE THE DATES for Friends events at St Mary's in October 2016

Sunday 11 September: Patronal Festival

Sunday 2 October: Harvest Festival & Lunch

Sunday 9th October: Friends Choral Evensong with Bishop of Hereford Richard Frith

Wednesday 12th October & Thursday 13th October: Barnes Charity Fashion Show

Thursday 27th October: Richard Harries book launch with response from John Humphrys

Sat 12th November: St Mary's Christmas Fair

Glass Door: CTiB will again be running the Saturday Night Homeless Shelter at Barnes Methodist Church from November to April on behalf of Glass Door Homeless Charity, and the annual fund-raising Sleep Out is on Friday 7th October. Please see posters and fliers at the back of church for details of website for information and registration on the Sleep Out, www.glassdoor.org.uk



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