

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

Be a bright flame before me, O God, a guiding star above me,
a smooth path below me, a kindly shepherd behind me, today, tonight, forever.
Amen. (*Prayer of St Columba*)

Services on 7th January

8am	Holy Communion BCP	President & preacher: Rev'd Richard Sewell
10am	Parish Eucharist	President: Rev'd Richard Sewell Preacher: Bishop Richard Harries
6pm	Evensong	Officiant: Martin Calderbank

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 7th January

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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.

First Reading: Isaiah 60 vv1-6

Gospel: Matthew 2 vv1-12

10am hymns: 103, 95, 96, 365

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:

Glass Door, the homeless charity

The sick, including Alastair Mackie, Carole Stratton

Those who have died: Bob Stack, Sally Stone

Anniversaries of death: Basil Summers; Yvonne Pendrell; Mabel Baker; Maureen Mahler

This week

Mon to Fri	9.05am	Morning Prayer
Mondays	2.30pm	Sewing group (contact Rosie on 8876 5338)
Thurs 11 th Jan	11.15am	Quiet Time
	12 noon	Holy Communion (CW): President & preacher: Sister Margaret Anne
Sat 13 th Jan	10.30am	Coffee Shop in the Melvill Room
Sun 14 th Jan	8am	Holy Communion BCP: President & preacher: Sister Margaret Anne
Second	10am	Parish Eucharist: President & preacher: Rev'd Richard Sewell
Sunday of	11.30am	Informal Service with baptisms: Officiant: Rev'd Richard Sewell
Epiphany	6pm	Evensong: Officiant: Christabel Gairdner

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.

Charity for January 2018

Our Charity of the Month for January is Glass Door. Sadly, homelessness in London is increasing. For the homeless, January is an especially bitter month. Glass Door is London's biggest night shelter. It provides up to 100 bed spaces per night during the winter months, including in Barnes, and day-time services including laundry, clothing and washing facilities, advice and practical support. Do give or volunteer if you can.

www.glassdoor.org.uk

Memorial Window: The 800th Anniversary window was installed in the Langton Chapel just before Christmas. The Bishop of Kingston is coming to St Mary's on Sunday 28th January for the Parish Eucharist at 10am to celebrate this occasion and to bless the window. This will be a very special occasion so do make sure you can come. There will be drinks and nibbles following the service.

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; 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

The Gift of Christmas football match:

We are sorry that the Celebrity Football Match due to be played on 10th December 2017 had to be cancelled due to weather conditions and a water-logged pitch at Barn Elms. It had been hoped that the match could be re-arranged for the new year but Jack Whitehall and other celebrities taking part now have other commitments outside the UK and are not available.

All proceeds from the match had been for Prostate Cancer UK and we hope that you are willing for your ticket purchase to be turned into a donation to this important charity. If you would prefer to have a refund, please contact TicketSource

at support@ticketsource.co.uk and they will arrange the refund for you. The cut-off date for claiming refunds is Friday 18 January 2018.

Thank you for your support and our best wishes for the New Year from the Friends of St Mary's Barnes.

Service to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:

Christians of all the churches in Barnes are invited to this service which Holy Trinity are hosting the Unity service on the 21st January at 4pm, The service will focus on "unity and mission" and they are delighted that Rev Canon Will Cookson, Dean of Fresh Expressions from the Mission and Evangelism department of the Diocese of Southwark has agreed to come and speak. We also hope that we can pray together for the people of Barnes.



Barnes Music Festival 2018

tickets are now on sale, available online via barnesmusicfestival.com/tickets or in person at Chestertons offices in Barnes.

Please check the website for full details of events, timings and ticket prices 10th - 25th March www.barnesmusicfestival.com for full programme and tickets

See some highlights of the programme below:

"Peace & Harmonies" Photographic Exhibition open Mon-Sat 10.30am - 12.30pm and during all events

10th 7.30pm Barnes Music Festival Opening Concert with cellist Guy Johnston and Thames Youth Orchestra playing Elgar and Vaughan Williams

16th 7.30pm Haydn *The Creation* with Tiffin Boys' Choir

17th 7.30pm Handel *Messiah* with Fulham Camerata

18th 11.30am Karl Jenkins *The Armed Man* Come & Sing with performance at 6pm

22nd 1pm Violin Recital with Henry Chandler - Beethoven and Strauss

25th 6pm Barnes Music Festival Choral Evensong with combined St Mary's & St Michael's Choirs and address by Prof Jeremy Dibble

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