

**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.

**Advent Reflections**

**Where am I in the Christmas Story?**

Tuesdays 3, 10 and 17 December, 8-9pm in the Langton Chapel  
Rev'd James Hutchings will lead with time for quiet prayerful response and concluding with saying Night Prayer (Compline). All are welcome to come along to a quiet space amidst the busyness of preparing for Christmas.

**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 8<sup>th</sup> December**

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| 8am  | Holy Communion BCP  | President & preacher: Bishop Richard Harries                             |
| 10am | Parish Eucharist    | President: Rev'd Sister Margaret Anne<br>Preacher: Rev'd James Hutchings |
| 4pm  | Christingle Service | Officiant: Rev'd James Hutchings                                         |
| 6pm  | Evensong            | Officiant: Christabel Gairdner                                           |

**Collect for 8<sup>th</sup> December**

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

**First Reading:** Isaiah 11 vv1-10    **Gospel:** Matthew 3 vv1-12    **10am hymns:** 99, 46, 815, 489

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](mailto:safeguarding@stmarybarnes.org) or the Church Office on 0208 741 5422.

**Difficulty in hearing or reading?**

There is a hearing loop system in this church. Just switch your NHS hearing aid to the 'T' position. Privately purchased aids may work differently; check your aid instructions. There are also large print service booklets and hymn books. Please ask a sidesperson if you need one.

**Special Prayers:** Under Tree Schools in South Sudan

**The sick,** including Anne White, Monty & Maisie Brown, Sheila Wilson, Isabelle

**Those who have died:** Edward Cullinan, June Blunt, Philippa Lloyd, Sheila Cavanagh

**Anniversaries of death:** Dr Alfred Russell, Rodney Morsman

**This week**

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| Mon to Fri                 | 9.05am  | Morning Prayer in the Langton Chapel                                                                                                                          |
| Mondays                    | 3pm     | Sewing group (contact Rosie on 8876 5338)                                                                                                                     |
| Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec | 11am    | Refreshments with the Rector in the Melvill Room                                                                                                              |
|                            | 11.15am | Quiet Time in the church                                                                                                                                      |
|                            | 12 noon | Holy Communion (CW): President & preacher: Rev'd James Hutchings                                                                                              |
| Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec   | 10.30am | Coffee Shop in the Melvill Room in aid of the Friends of Viera Gray                                                                                           |
| Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec   | 8am     | Holy Communion (BCP): President & preacher: Rev'd James Hutchings                                                                                             |
| <b>Second of Advent</b>    | 10am    | Parish Eucharist: President: Rev'd James Hutchings<br>Preacher: Bishop Richard Harries<br><i>First Reading: Isaiah 35 vv1-10    Gospel: Matthew 11 vv2-11</i> |
|                            | 11.45am | Informal Service with baptisms: Officiant: Rev'd James Hutchings                                                                                              |
|                            | 6pm     | Evensong: Officiant: Geoffrey Barnett                                                                                                                         |

### Reading the bible!

✘ Growing in our relationship with God and in our understanding of scripture are inextricably linked. We have bibles in church, and I would encourage you to take one to follow readings and sermons more closely. There aren't enough for every chair, so you will find some on the front desk and bookshelf, and one in each end chair on the nave. Some have seen better days, and the version (NIV) is slightly different from the one at 10am (NRSV);

I hope in due course we can acquire some new ones to replace these.

✘ there are some excellent resources available to help read the bible on a regular basis. These are available either as printed bible reading notes to which you can subscribe, or online. Please let me know if you would like further details, which I would be happy to provide. If you already use such resources and might be willing to help encourage others to do so, please also let me know.

✘ we have two excellent home groups which meet on a regular basis, but there may be demand for creating an additional group for bible study and discussion. I am thinking of whether there might be interest in a group meeting fortnightly, at the church initially.

If you would be interested, please let me know, James

St Mary's Barnes is seeking two people to fill the following: **Part-time Children's work co-ordinator: planning & leading our Sunday morning club (aged 5-11), supporting volunteers & communicating with parents/carers**

**Part-time Young People's group leader: planning and leading a Sunday afternoon/evening group of our young people (11+), supporting volunteers & communicating with parents/carers**

Hours: 6-8 hours per week for each role, on Sundays and other hours to be agreed. Salary: £24-28k pro-rata, depending on experience. We need these roles to be filled as soon as possible on a short-term contract, to help maintain and nurture our existing activities while we recruit a full-time Children, Youth and Families Worker, which we hope to do during early 2020. These could be great roles for someone with experience and a passion for working with children and young people. You might be someone looking for a few hours to complement another job or childcare, alongside training or as step back into employment. Whatever your situation, I'd love to have a discussion with you if you might be interested in applying. Please contact me, Revd James Hutchings at [revdjames@stmarybarnes.org](mailto:revdjames@stmarybarnes.org) or via the church office 020 8741 5422

**Advent home group:** Wednesdays 4, 11 and 18 December 10.30-11.45am at 2 Mill Hill Road. Informal discussion linked to three Old Testament readings on the broad topics of Listening, Watching and Waiting. All welcome, for more information, ring Fiona or Geoffrey Barnett on 8878 6975

Our numbers at **Sunday Coffee** after the 10am service have mushroomed of late and we need extra baristas. If you can help either with the setting up or the serving can you let me know please. Claire Boyling ([claire.boyling@gmail.com](mailto:claire.boyling@gmail.com) or 07906 707631)

**St Mary's Christmas Cards** are now on sale. The church will be open from 10.30am to 2.30pm, volunteer helpers willing. Please email Charlie if you want to offer a shift. [christmascards@stmarybarnes.org](mailto:christmascards@stmarybarnes.org)

On Saturday 14 December, **Sister Margaret Anne**, will be celebrating her Silver Jubilee of Profession as an All Saints Sister of the Poor, with her Sisters in Oxford. There will be a Sung Eucharist at 11.30am in the main chapel in the grounds of the All Saints Sisters, followed by a lunch reception in the parish church hall for all those who attend. Sister Margaret Anne would very much appreciate the prayers of members of St Mary's as she prepares for this special occasion.

**Nativity Services 3.30 and 5pm on Christmas Eve:** If you wish your children to participate or want to offer help, then please contact Alison Macmillan on [aejmacmillan@gmail.com](mailto:aejmacmillan@gmail.com)

### Annual Human Rights Day Vigil

Tuesday Dec 10th @ St Michael and All Angels  
8 pm in the Lady Chapel  
(small door in Elm Bank Gardens)

**Cards for Good Causes** is open again at the Methodist Church for Christmas cards, Advent calendars and gifts. Hours are 10-4 Monday to Saturday. All profits to the charities participating.

**Missing People Carol Service, Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December**, 6.30pm at St Martin's in the Fields, £20 donation for tickets.  
[www.missingpeople.org.uk/christmascarols](http://www.missingpeople.org.uk/christmascarols)

The BCA will once again be holding a traditional lunch on **Christmas Day at the Barnes Green (Age UK) Centre** by Barnes Pond. If you would like to attend this event, please contact Julia in the office at Rose House on 8878 2359 or by email at [info@barnes-ca.org](mailto:info@barnes-ca.org). Transport to and from the centre can be arranged. Guests are usually collected at about 12 noon and lunch begins at 1pm. A traditional roast turkey lunch will be served, followed by tea and mince pies while you can watch the Queen's Speech on TV.

If you would like to volunteer to help serve the lunch then we would be pleased to hear from you. We have a professional catering company to cook the meal.

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