

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 15th December

8am	Holy Communion BCP	President & preacher: Rev'd James Hutchings
10am	Parish Eucharist	President: Rev'd James Hutchings Preacher: Bishop Richard Harries
11.45am	Informal Service with baptisms	Officiant: Rev'd James Hutchings
6pm	Evensong	Officiant: Geoffrey Barnett

Collect for 15th December

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Reading: Isaiah 35 vv1-10 **Gospel:** Matthew 11 vv2-11 **10am hymns:** 769, 262, 654, 569

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@stmarysbarnes.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: June Blunt, Philippa Lloyd, Sheila Cavanagh

Anniversaries of death: Margaret Gairdner; Judith Butcher; Ferelith Reay; Alexander Amartey

This week

Mon to Fri	9.05am	Morning Prayer in the Langton Chapel
Mondays	3pm	Sewing group (contact Rosie on 8876 5338)
Thurs 19 th 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 21 st Dec	10.30am	Coffee Shop in the Melvill Room in aid of the Barnes Community Players
Sun 22 nd Dec	8am	Holy Communion (BCP): President & preacher: Rev'd James Hutchings
Fourth of Advent	10am	Parish Eucharist: President: Rev'd James Hutchings Preacher: Geoffrey Barnett
		<i>First Reading: Isaiah 7 vv10-16 Gospel: Matthew 1 vv18-end</i>
	6pm	St Mary's Carol Service: Officiant: Rev'd James Hutchings

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 or via the church office 020 8741 5422

The Christingle Service was a wonderful occasion and raised £245 for the Children's Society. Thanks to all who came.

Many thanks to **St Mary's Barnes Cubs & Scouts Group** who have once again kindly donated and erected the splendid Christmas tree.

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 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

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

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.

Anna Hastrup, a member of our Junior Choir, has made it to the final of the BBC Radio 2 Young Chorister of the Year 2019 and this will be broadcast at 6pm on Sunday the 22nd December. You can listen to the programme at: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000ck8p>
Many congratulations to Anna on her progress in this competition.

CTiB Christmas Services cards showing service times for all 6 churches in Barnes are now available at the back of church.

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. 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.



Sunday 22nd December
6pm St Mary's Carol Service
Christmas Eve
St Mary's Nativity Services
at 3.30pm and 5pm
11.30pm Midnight Communion
Christmas Day
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am All Age Christmas Eucharist
11.30am All Age Informal Service
No Evensong
Thursday 26th December
No midday Holy Communion
Sunday 29th December
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Parish Eucharist
6pm Evensong
Thursday 2nd January 2020
12 noon Holy Communion (BCP)



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