

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 24th November

8am	Holy Communion BCP	President & preacher: Rev'd James Hutchings
8.45am	Parish Breakfast	In the Melvill Room
10am	Parish Eucharist	President & preacher: Rev'd Sister Margaret Anne NO EVENSONG AT ST MARY'S
6.30pm	Richmond Deanery Choral Evensong	At St Mary Magdalene, Paradise Road, Richmond TW9 1SN All welcome

Collect for 24th November

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: Colossians 1 vv11-20 **Gospel:** Luke 23 vv33-43 **10am hymns:** 593, 682, 763, 358

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 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: Age UK Richmond, please see their display at the back of church

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

Those who have died: Stephen Elkington, Edward Cullinan, June Blunt, Philippa Lloyd

Anniversaries of death: Alexander Appleton; Florence Waters; Frederick Holst; Anne du Parcq

This week

Mon to Fri	9.05am	Morning Prayer in the Langton Chapel
Mondays	3pm	Sewing group (contact Rosie on 8876 5338)
Thurs 28 th Nov	11.15am	Quiet Time in the church
	12 noon	Holy Communion (BCP): President & preacher: Rev'd Sister Margaret Anne
Sat 30 th Nov	10.30am	Coffee Shop in the Melvill Room in aid of the Castelnau Centre Project
Sun 1 st Dec	8am	Holy Communion (BCP): President & preacher: Rev'd Sister Margaret Anne
Advent Sunday	10am	Parish Eucharist: President & preacher: Rev'd James Hutchings <i>First Reading: Isaiah 2 vv1-5 Gospel: Matthew 24 vv36-44</i>
	4pm	CTiB Advent Carol Service at St Michael's & All Angels NO EVENSONG AT ST MARY'S

St Mary's Church opening hours

One of the joys for me of St Mary's is that the church lies at the heart of the community in Barnes, and it is lovely to see people using the church for quiet prayer and reflection, aided by the presence of the Daily Friends. However, a sadness has been seeing people wanting to come into the church and finding a locked door. So, the PCC and I would like to extend the opening hours so that the church is open from Morning Prayer through to later in the afternoon, probably around 4pm. An obvious concern is security, however the advice of our insurers and national guidance is that having your church open in the daytime is not only a good thing in itself, but is also the best form of security (burglars don't like coming to a place when other people are about). We are undertaking a full risk assessment and will be making one or two changes internally in order to minimise any potential vandalism. A priority is Cheryl's safety in the office: so, the door from the church to the vestry and office will be locked when the church is open and if no Daily Friend is present. Anyone with an office enquiry will need to go around the church to the office entrance.

Similarly, the door to the Melvill Room will be locked. The plan is not reliant on having extra Daily Friends, but it would be great if we can have some extra volunteers to help cover some of the extra hours. Perhaps you are not able to do mornings but could help in an afternoon? Being a Friend is a good way both to welcome people to the church but also to have a tranquil space for yourself too! Might you be able to help? Please let Sian Walford or me know if you can. Please also contact me if you have any questions or suggestions about the longer opening hours.

We are still in the planning stage but hope to start before Christmas. Revd 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 or via the church office 020 8741 5422

Ted Cullinan, architect of the rebuilt St Mary's, died on 11 November and his funeral was on Friday which Andrew Summers attended on behalf of St Mary's. His obituary in the Financial Times (copy at back of the church) included the following: "Among his most admired works was the rebuilding of St Mary's church in Barnes ... a beautiful reimagining of a medieval church interior in a complex web of timber".

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

Celebrity Christmas Cracker Saturday 30

November: this event is now sold out. If you wish to be on the waiting list for any returns, please email friends@stmarybarnes.org

Friendly Carol Service: This year, at 2pm on 9 December, St Michael's will be hosting the annual service organised by BCA and FiSH, for those suffering from dementia and their carers.

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.

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

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