

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

God grant me the Serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
 Courage to change the things I can, and the Wisdom to know the difference.
 Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time.
 Accepting hardship as a pathway to peace, taking, as he did, this sinful world as it is,
 not as I would like it.
 Trusting that he will make all things right,
 if I surrender to his will.
 That I may be reasonably happy in this world and supremely happy in the next.
Reinhold Niebuhr

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 5th May

8am	Holy Communion BCP	President & preacher: Rev'd Sister Margaret Anne
10am	Parish Eucharist	President: Bishop Richard Harries
		Preacher: Geoffrey Barnett
6pm	Evensong	Officiant: Geoffrey Barnett

Collect for 5th May

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen

First Reading: Acts 9 vv1-20 **Gospel:** John 21 vv1-19 **10am hymns:** 641, 769, 819, 507

If you have, or know of anyone who has a pastoral concern, please let Fiona Barnett know.
 fiona.barnett2@btinternet.com 8878 6975

Special Prayers:

The sick, including Anne White, Philip Mitchell, Barbara Bryant

Those who have recently died: Sylvia Howell; Gordon Robertson; Jerry McArthur; Miles Mallinson; Tamsin McBride

Anniversaries of death: Dr George Brown, Moray Watson, Brenda Moore, Theo Dreyfus

This week

Mon to Fri	9.05am	Morning Prayer in the Langton Chapel
Mondays	2.30pm	Sewing group (contact Rosie on 8876 5338)
Thurs 9 th May	12 noon	Holy Communion (CW): President & preacher: Rev'd Sister Margaret Anne
Sat 11 th May	10.30am	All day Coffee Shop in the Melvill Room in aid of Christian Aid
Sun 12 th May	8am	Holy Communion (BCP): President & preacher: Bishop Richard Harries
Fourth Sunday of Easter	10am	Parish Eucharist: President: Rev'd Sister Margaret Anne
		Preacher: Justice Onwuka of Christian Aid
	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.***

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 12TH - 18TH MAY – CAN YOU HELP?

Christian Aid works with 495 partners in 37 countries, giving opportunities to the poorest in our world – regardless of race or religion. This year the focus is on providing family health centres in Sierra Leone where there is only one nurse/midwife for every 10,000 people and 10 mothers a day die from giving birth. We need your help in Christian Aid week.

Can you:

- distribute and collect the Christian Aid envelopes in your street or nearby, or
 - deliver envelopes and act as the drop-off point for your street, and/or
- help on Saturday 11th May with the serving of drinks and cakes at the church for families participating in the Barnes Children's Literature Festival – either by baking small cakes and/or helping on a stall, or
 - perhaps you have another idea for fundraising?

Please contact Celia Cleave at celiacleave3@gmail.com or on 8876 0254

Jeremy MacArthur's Thanksgiving Service:

will be held on Wednesday 8th May at 2pm at St Mary's Barnes.

Stations of the Cross: The paintings by Helen Meyer which were displayed during Holy Week for the Stations of the Cross, together with matching reflections by Richard Harries, can now be seen on the church website under "Sermons and other writings".

Rev'd James Hutchings, our new Rector: We look forward to James' arrival in July. If you have not yet taken a copy of a short biography of him, please take one from the back of church.

His Institution Service will be held on Monday 22nd July at 7.30pm at St Mary's. The Bishop of Kingston will preside. Please do put the date in your diaries.

CTiB Pentecost Banquet Lunch: will be held on Saturday 8th June at Holy Trinity Church Hall, Trinity Church Road SW13 9ET. 11.45am to 3pm, lunch at 12.30pm, followed by entertainment. Transport can be arranged. Please contact Mia Gibbons on 020 8748 2360 or miagibbons@gmail.com if you wish to attend, volunteer or need transport.

Could you be a FiSH trustee? FiSH is looking for new trustees. Closing date for applications 10 May. Details at www.fishhelp.org.uk/news

Lambeth Palace Garden Party with music, games and cream teas: Friday 7th June from 12 – 3pm, £5 entry fee payable on the gate, free entry for children. All funds raised go to the Church Urban Fund.

Tour of Lambeth Palace, at 10.30am on Thursday 13th June, followed by Eucharist taken by Archbishop Justin at 12.15pm

This is a tour arranged for St. Mary's by our Elizabeth Dundas who is a volunteer at Lambeth Palace. You will see the Great Hall, Guard Room, Chapel, Crypt Chapel, Blue Dining Room and State Drawing Room. You will also have a short time in the Garden, weather permitting. There is step free access by lift. There is a charge of £6. The Museum of Garden History is next to Lambeth Palace. Handy for refreshments. Limited number of places available! If you are interested in going, please contact Elizabeth at 12 Grove Road Barnes SW13 0HQ, wizziedundas@gmail.com 07814 730728

Fundraising for Bellringing Teaching Facilities

Many of you will already know that St Mary's Bellringers are collecting money for a major project to enhance their training facilities. Teaching techniques have improved, and the availability of new technology has resulted in a changed approach to teaching this 'heritage skill' in today's world when there are so many pressures on people's time. St Mary's is fully supportive of the project but is unable to put any church funds towards this. We have already collected over half of our target of £20,000, thanks to a grant from the Surrey Association of Church Bell Ringers and some generous donations from Barnes residents.

If you appreciate the bells on Sundays, the ringing on Friday evenings and for weddings and memorials etc and think of them as part of our village life, then please consider making a contribution. Every little helps! Pick up a leaflet from the back of church with more information and how to donate, or talk to Trisha Hawkins towercaptain@stmarybarnes.org or visit www.barnesbellringers.org

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