

Parish News



The community newsletter of Saint Michael & All Angels, Barnes

Lent/Easter 2024



GLORIOUS DIVERSITY

Did you know that as recently as 1975, women were unable to open a bank account in their own name? A generation ago, same-sex couples could hardly hope they might be able to marry – something that is now entirely normal. It helps to remember that not all change is bad, and the world sometimes gets better rather than worse.

Saint Michael's has long been an inclusive church, challenging homophobia and misogyny in both Church and society. This year we celebrate 30 years since the ordination of women as priests. Recently we shared a statement looking forward to changes that enable us to hold special services for same-sex couples.

But the work of inclusion is never finished, and Lent is a time when we examine ourselves and ask hard questions about our hidden assumptions and attitudes. When St Paul wrote there is 'neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female', he was saying that Christ sets us free from our prejudices of race, class and gender (and in other ways too) - not to live in monochrome uniformity, but in glorious rainbow diversity, founded on our common humanity. It is hard to be honest with ourselves, but the outcome is joyful renewal that brings about an inner Easter for us all.

Father Stephen, *Vicar*

BARNES CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Do you know a child who enjoys singing?

St Michael's recently founded a children's choir for 6-13 year-olds. Singing a range of fun music with Director of Music, Laurence Williams. Rehearsals are on Wednesday afternoons from 3.30-4.15pm in the church. There's no audition - only enthusiasm required – and safeguarding procedures are in place. Simply sign up and come along! There is no charge for the choir, as we do not want anyone to be prevented from taking part, but we invite a donation each term, from those who are able to contribute.

Email Laurence on music@stmichaelbarnes.org to find out more.



SAINT MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS BARNES



MOTHERING SUNDAY

Sunday 10th March 10am

ALL AGE MASS

with giving of flowers



BARNES CHORAL SCHOLARSHIPS 2024-25

Saint Michael's offers £1000 choral scholarships for 15-20yr olds

Seeking one alto, tenor and bass choral scholar to start September 2024

CHORAL SCHOLARSHIPS

- IDEAL FOR POTENTIAL UNIVERSITY AND GAP YEAR CHORAL SCHOLARS
- DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: LAURENCE WILLIAMS - EX-TRINITY COLLEGE CAMBRIDGE
- CHORAL MUSIC FROM 16TH TO 21ST CENTURY
- TRAIN WITH OUR EXPERIENCED PARISH CHOIR; INCLUDES EX-CHORAL SCHOLARS
- WEDNESDAY EVENING REHEARSAL, SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES
- LINKS TO DIRECTORS OF MUSIC AT OXBRIDGE COLLEGES
- OPPORTUNITY FOR SMALL AND LARGE SCALE CONSORT SINGING
- PREPARATION FOR AUDITIONS
- SOLO RECITAL OPPORTUNITIES

To apply and receive more detailed information, please scan the QR code or visit stmichaelbarnes.org.

For any questions or to discuss, email music@stmichaelbarnes.org

Application deadline:
Noon on Wednesday 6th March

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER

PALM SUNDAY

24th March

9.45am Palm Procession

from WHL crossing with donkey!

10am Sung Mass and Passion Reading

Children's Service (Vicarage Garden)

followed by donkey rides!

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY

all at 7.30pm

Silent Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament

Stations of the Cross

Sung Compline (Night Prayer)

MAUNDY THURSDAY 28th March

8.00pm Mass of the Last Supper, washing of feet,
stripping of the Altars and Watch until Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY

29th March

9.00am Morning Prayer with meditations

10am Liturgy of the Passion and

Veneration of the Cross

11.15am Walk of Witness

departing from corner of Castelnau/ Church Road

3.00pm Children's Service

followed by Hot Cross Buns

9.00pm Tenebrae

a sung service of light in darkness

HOLY SATURDAY

30th March

9.00am Morning Prayer and Litany

Remember the clocks go forward tonight.

EASTER DAY

31st March

5.45am Dawn Vigil and First Mass of Easter

followed by full cooked breakfast with sparkling wine!

8.00am Low Mass

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.00am Sung Parish Mass of Easter Day

service for all ages with blessing and giving of Easter eggs





Who's Who at St Michael's

Vicar: Father Stephen Stavrou

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Assistant Priest: Mother Judith Roberts

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Parish Administrator: Sarah Payne

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Director of Music: Laurence Williams

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The Parish Office

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Regular Services at St Michael's

Sunday 8.00am Low Mass
 9.00am Morning Prayer
 10.00am Sung Mass
 11.30am Children's Mass (*except last Sunday of the month*)
 6.00pm Evensong (Book of Common Prayer)

Monday 7.00pm: Holy Hour Silent Prayer

Wednesday 12.00pm Angelus and Mass *followed by lunch*

Saturday 9.30am Mass *followed by coffee*

Morning Prayer every day at 9am *except Friday*

For enquiries about Baptism, Marriage, Confession, Funerals &c. please contact the Parish Office.

The church is normally open every day from 8.45am until around dusk.