

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Please pray for those who are sick including Raymond Blackwell, Colin Johnson, and Don Mason.

Pray for the families of those who have died recently, including Helen Taylor, Joyce Benwell and Mary Smith.

We also remember Michelle Grainger, Rosemary Ash, Meg Rae, Peggy Harris, Herbert Boddy, Alice Eccles, Sylvia Compton and David Roberts whose year's mind falls at this time.

## FRIDAYS AT SIX—WEDDING AND BAPTISM ENQUIRIES

If you wish to enquire about or book a wedding or a baptism, please come to St Mary's Parish Office on the first floor of the Parish Centre, New Street, Charlton Kings, GL53 8JJ on any Friday evening between 6:00 and 6:30pm in order to meet the Vicar and complete the preliminary paperwork.

## FOR YOUR DIARY

### 14 Jan -

7:30pm MU House Group

7:30pm PCC Standing Committee meets

### 16 Jan -

7.45pm School Road Trust Committee meets

### 17 Jan -

7.30 pm PCC Estates Committee meets

### 19 Jan -

3:45pm Visiting Bell Ringers

### 20 Jan -

6.30pm United service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (at Holy Apostles)

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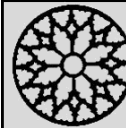
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St Mary's Church,  
Charlton Kings

Sunday 6th January  
Epiphany

**Welcome to our services today. We hope that you will find warmth and friendship in this place and God's blessing and peace as we worship.**

At our Communion services, everyone is invited to come forward to receive bread and wine or, if you prefer, a blessing (please keep your head bowed when you come to the front for a blessing). If you require a gluten free wafer, let a Welcomer know before the service—they are the ones with the orange lanyards.

Toys etc. for young children at the back of church. In term time during the 10am service, all children are welcome to join Junior Church which meets in the vestry.

Refreshments are served after the 10am service here in Church. Please join in this post-service fellowship and take the opportunity to make some new friends.

## TODAY'S SERVICES

### 8:00am Holy Communion

Celebrant: Revd Graham Bowkett

Preacher: Revd Graham Bowkett

### 10:00am All-age Service with Communion

Celebrant: Revd Graham Bowkett

Preacher: Revd Graham Bowkett

Hymns: CP83, JP28, JP255, CP89

Anthem: All bells in paradise (Rutter)

Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

Intercede: Hannah Nicholls

### 6:30pm Music and readings for Epiphany

Officiant: Revd Graham Bowkett

## COLLECT FOR EPIPHANY

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever:

**Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God, the bright splendour of whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Items for the Notices need to be in the Parish Resource Centre by **Wednesday**. Each week's Notices can be downloaded from our website [stmarysck.org.uk](http://stmarysck.org.uk).

**THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S CHARLTON KINGS****Monday 7th**

9:00am	Morning Prayer	Church
11:00am	Funeral of Joyce Benwell	Church
2:30pm	MU Corporate Communion	Church
5:30pm	Evening Prayer	Church

**Tuesday 8th**

9:00am	Morning Prayer	Church
5:30pm	Evening Prayer	Church
7.30pm	Ringling Practice	Belfry

**Wednesday 9th**

8.50am	Open the Book	CK Infants' School
9:00am	Morning Prayer	Church
12:00pm	Open the Book	CK Junior School
1:30pm	Funeral of Mary Smith	Church
5:30pm	Evening Prayer	Church

**Thursday 10th**

9:00am	Morning Prayer	Church
10:15am	Little Fishes	Church & Parish Hall
11:00am	Holy Communion (CW Order 2)	Church
12:00pm	Open the Book	Glenfall School
5:30pm	Evening Prayer	Church

**Friday 11th**

9:00am	Morning Prayer	Church
2:00pm	Happy Circle	Parish Centre
5:30pm	Evening Prayer	Church
6:00pm	Wedding and Baptism Booking	Parish Centre
7:00pm	Choir Practice	Church

**Saturday 12th**

9:30am	Church Cleaning	Church
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**Sunday 13th****Baptism of Christ**

8:00am	Holy Communion (CW Order 2)	Church
10:00am	Parish Communion	Church
4:00pm	Church Neighbours' Service	Church
6:30pm	Choral Evensong	Church

**NOTICES, EVENTS & NEWS****Theology Book Group**

The next meeting of the Group will be on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> February when the book discussed will be 'The Search for God and the Path to Persuasion' by Peter May (**not** the cricketer for those whose memory stretches back that far!) New members are always welcome. Contact Jean Hockett for further information.

**Choir—new members welcome**

The choir is currently recruiting and there are vacancies for all SATB (soprano, alto, tenor, bass) ranges. Choir practices are held on Friday evenings in St Mary's Church starting at 7:00pm for children from the age of about 8 years and at 7:30pm for adults.

If you are interested in finding out more about joining the choir you can contact our Director of Music Neil Fortin, or speak to any of the current choir members.

**Morning and Evening Prayer**

is said in St David's Chapel each weekday at 9am and at 5:30pm respectively. These are public services, so everyone is welcome to attend. Common Worship Daily Prayer is the order used—there are books in the chapel or you can download the app from the CofE website at [www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/daily-prayer](http://www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/daily-prayer)

**Week of prayer for Christian unity**

The week of prayer for Christian unity begins on 18th January. There will be a united service at Holy Apostles' at 6.30pm on Sunday 20th January - it would be lovely to see as many of you as possible at that service! Please note that there will be no evening service here at St Mary's on that Sunday.

**School Road Trust**

You'll notice that we've included the School Road Trust meeting in our notices this week. Most of you probably know what it is, but for those who don't, here's a quick explanation. When the LEA took over the Church schools in School Road and the Junior School in East End Road was built, the buildings were sold and the money put into a trust for the benefit of young people. If you want more information, please speak to June Pearce.

**Notable dates**

Next Sunday the church commemorates George Fox, the founder of the Society of Friends (Quakers), who died on 13 January 1691.