

**For your prayers:**

Please pray for those who are sick including Raymond Blackwell, Colin Johnson, Brenda Linney, Zoe Grist, Kathy Keffler, Jill Muir, Val Flippance and Karen Bucknall.

Please pray for the families and friends of those who have died recently including Susan Colling, Hazel Baker and Julie Roberts.

We also remember Kenneth Baker, Jeremy Whales, Trevor Edwards and Victor Godwin whose year's mind falls at this time.

**WEDDING AND BAPTISM ENQUIRIES**

All enquiries about weddings or baptisms should be made directly to the Vicar or Curate —contact details below.

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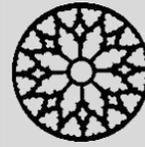
**Pastoral Team contacts**

Alison, Heather, Jenny and Lynne  
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**Prayer**

Eternal God, our Maker and Redeemer,  
grant us, with all the faithful departed,  
the sure benefits of your Son's saving  
passion and glorious resurrection  
that, in the last day,  
when you gather up all things in Christ,  
we may with them enjoy the fullness of  
your promises;  
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 for ever.  
**Amen.**

Items for inclusion in the Notices need to be emailed to  
**churchwarden@stmarysck.org.uk** by **Wednesday** each week



**St Mary's Church, Charlton Kings**  
**Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2020—Advent 1**

**We are delighted that from next Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> December, St Mary's will again be open for congregational worship. Restrictions regarding wearing face masks and social distancing still apply and the service will continue to be live-streamed for those unable to come to St Mary's. Sunday Services from 6<sup>th</sup> December will be at 8:00am and at 10:00am, and, from Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 11:00am. All services will be Holy Communion.**

**TODAY'S SERVICE**

**10:00am Holy Communion**

President and Preacher:  
Rev'd Graham Bowkett

Readings: Isaiah 64:1-9  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
Mark 13:24-end

**Collect**

Almighty God,  
give us grace to cast away the works  
of darkness  
and to put on the amour of life,  
now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which your Son Jesus Christ came  
to us in great humility;  
that on the last day,  
when he shall come again in his  
glorious majesty to judge the living  
and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who is alive and reigns  
with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Eucharistic Prayer E**

**Prayer for Spiritual Communion:**

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
for all the benefits you have given me,  
for all the pains and insults you have  
borne for me.  
Since I cannot now receive you  
sacramentally, I ask you to come  
spiritually into my heart.  
O most merciful redeemer, friend and  
brother, may I know you more clearly,  
love you more dearly, and follow you  
more nearly, day by day.

**Amen.**

**Post Communion Prayer:**

O Lord our God,  
make us watchful and keep us faithful  
as we await the coming of your Son our  
Lord  
that, when he shall appear,  
he may not find us sleeping in sin  
but active in his service  
and joyful in his praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### *From the Pastoral Team Lead:*

During the time that gathering at church for worship is limited, the CofE has produced a FREE phone line where you can listen, whenever you like, to various options. This facility is called "Daily Hope" and the number is 0800 804 8044. You are then offered various choices (well, we are all used to that!) as follows:

Press \* to hear Archbishop Justin Welby's message Press 1 to listen to a short talk on a well-loved hymn.

Press 2 to listen to some recorded hymns.

Press 3 to listen to prayers about the Coronavirus crisis.

Press 4 - for even more choices!

Press 5 to listen to the Church of England's weekly service.

Press 6 to join in with traditional morning and evening prayers.

Press 7 to listen to the latest Government advice on Coronavirus.

Press 0 to return to the main menu.

This telephone number is already working and will continue for the foreseeable future. May it be another thread, at need, that binds us together in our faith, by the Holy Spirit.

*Alison*

### **Comfort and Joy update**

We have had a fantastic couple of weeks beginning the Comfort and Joy initiative. I have been overwhelmed by the response of financial help that we have received. It is a pleasure for me to inform you that we are already in a position to deliver as many free meals as we will need to those who require them. Thank you all for your amazing generosity.

What we require now is a final push to find even more people to give free meals to. People who are either on their own over the Christmas period, or those families that might need a little extra help and could find meals helpful. Please do keep asking around in the community, I'm sure there are many out there we can reach.

We also still require shop bought puddings for the goody bags, which can be dropped into the food bank boxes at Anne or Erika's houses.

Thanks again everyone for your help, I look forward to us all spreading a fabulous spirit of Comfort and Joy over the Christmas holidays.

*Adrian*

### **Post Lockdown Service Pattern:**

Sundays: 8:00am Holy Communion (CW Order 2)

10:00am Parish Communion (CW Order 1)

Thursdays 11:00am Holy Communion (CW Order 2)

Monday to Friday: 9:00am Morning Prayer 5:30pm Evening Prayer

### **Advent Meditations—an opportunity for quiet reflection**

As a way into keeping a meaningful Advent, a short meditation by Alison Talbot, the Pastoral Team Lead, will be available on St Mary's website on Sundays 29<sup>th</sup> November, 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> December. The theme for each week will be: 29<sup>th</sup> November - The Annunciation (Luke 1:26-38); 6<sup>th</sup> December - Joseph (Matthew 1:18-25) and 13<sup>th</sup> December - Elizabeth—mother of John the Baptist (Luke 1:39-45).

### **Memorial Candles**

This year we will again place candles in memory of loved ones on the cills in church. They will be lit for the services until Candlemas and will be visible on the streamed services.

If you'd like the name of a loved one commemorated in this way, this is what you need to do:

If you had a candle last year, please text the surname(s) of the person to 07950 287277 (Anne Grinter's phone) or to Martin ([treasurer@stmarysck.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@stmarysck.org.uk)). She will ensure that a candle is placed where it was last year.

If you have a new name or any changes, please text or email the details. If you prefer, phone her.

Donations of £2 per candle can be made by cheque (St Mary's Church PCC, Charlton Kings) or cash through the Parish Centre letter box when you are able.

### **LET US BE MERRY 2020**

Charlton Kings Community Players twentieth seasonal show goes DIGITAL!

A Christmas celebration. Available from Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2020 via our website [www.charltonkingscommunityplayers.com](http://www.charltonkingscommunityplayers.com) If you do not have access to the internet you can order a DVD by calling 01242 513558

PLEASE support this year's charities via our Just Giving page Cheltenham Open Door and Cheltenham & Gloucester Hospital Charity