

For your prayers:

Please pray for those who are sick including Zoe Grist, Kathy Keffler, Val Flippance Karen Bucknall and Jean Fitzgerald.

Please pray for the families and friends of Anne Bristow, Anne Booth, Brian Smith, Ruby Wintle and Leslie Musto who have died recently.

We also remember Doris Jelf, Nancy Grinter, Harry Middleton, Dorothy Boddy, Donald Kilbey and Marjorie Davitt 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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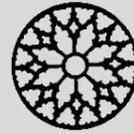
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A prayer as schools reopen to all staff and pupils during this week

God of truth and love,
bless the work of our schools and all
who learn and work in them.
Guide teachers and pupils in their
endeavours.
Grant that learning may flourish
among us,
as a means both of enriching our lives
and of drawing us nearer to you
from whom all truth proceeds;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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



St Mary's Church, Charlton Kings

Sunday, 7th March, 2021— Lent 3

From next Sunday, 14th March, we will again be able to open our doors and welcome a congregation to services in St Mary's There will be just one service at 10:00am—the 8:00am Holy Communion is still suspended.

The 11:00am Communion service on Thursdays will recommence this Thursday, 11th March.

The 10:00am Parish Communion service on Sundays will be broadcast 'live' via the internet and may be viewed on the St Mary's website at <https://www.stmarysck.org.uk/WP/>. The service will remain available for viewing live; or at any other time during the following week.

TODAY'S SERVICE

The service sheet may be downloaded and printed from the website

10:00am Parish Communion

President and Preacher:

Rev'd Graham Bowkett

Readings: Exodus 20:1-17

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

John 2:13-22

Hymns: SP 301—O God, you search me and you know me
SP 322—Calm me Lord

(The words for both these hymns are to be found on page 4 of this pew sheet)

Collect

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,

and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
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.

Post Communion Prayer:

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Regular Services:

For the time being Morning and Evening Prayer (except for Thursday morning) will continue to be said via Zoom— email Graham (vicar@stmarysck.org.uk) if you would like to be sent the link to join this service.

Services in church:

Sunday: 10:00am Parish Communion (CW Order 1) - starting again on 14th March

Thursday: 11:00am Holy Communion (CW Order 2) - starting this week

Online Services:

Sunday: 10:00am Parish Communion (CW Order 1)

The service sheet for Sunday may be downloaded from the Parish Website.

What's on:

March -

Monday 8th

7:30pm Lent Reflection: 'Jesus and Places' led by Alison Talbot via Zoom

8:00pm approx.! PCC Meeting (will start after the Lent Reflection) via Zoom

Tuesday 9th

2:00pm Funeral of Leslie Musto Charlton Kings Cemetery

Wednesday 10th

1:00pm Funeral of Beryl Wintle Church

Thursday 11th

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

Sunday 14th Mothering Sunday

10:00am Holy Communion (CW Order 1) Church and Online

Monday 15th

7:30pm Lent Reflection: 'Jesus and Healing' led by Colin Revell via Zoom

Thursday 18th

10:30am Interment of ashes of Margaret Turner Churchyard

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

Sunday 21st

10:00am Holy Communion (CW Order 1) Church and Online

Monday 22nd

7:30pm Lent Reflection: 'Jesus and Money' led by Rev'd Adrian Beere via Zoom

Lent Reflections . . .

Lent Reflections continue to be delivered via Zoom on Mondays, starting at 7:30pm. It is not too late to join in! If you wish to take part, please email the Vicar at vicarcharltonkings@gmail.com to ensure that he has your correct email address.

A link to enable you to join the session will be emailed to you about 10 minutes before the session is due to start.

Remaining sessions are as follows:

Subject: Jesus and Places

Monday March 8th 7.30pm – Mrs. Alison Talbot

Subject: Jesus and Healing

Monday March 15th 7.30pm – Mr. Colin Revell

Subject: Jesus and Money

Monday March 22nd – Revd. Adrian Beere

Some people find it helpful during quiet or reflective moments to light a small candle and have it burning during the session.

Reopening St Mary's for congregational worship

As has been stated elsewhere, we are delighted to welcome congregations back into St Mary's week on Thursdays at 11:00am and Sundays at 10:00am. We will also re-start saying Morning Prayer in St David's Chapel every Thursday at 9:00am. At all other times, Morning and Evening Prayer will continue to be offered via Zoom.

For all services held in church the restrictions that exist now to protect people from the Covid virus will be observed and, sadly, there will not be any congregational singing. Some pews will remain cordoned off and the precaution of the consecration and distribution of the bread and wine will continue. This means that the clergy will continue to consecrate pre-intincted wafers until such time as we are again allowed to offer the bread and wine separately.

A rota for Welcomers/Sidemen will be circulated shortly—additional volunteers will always be welcome. Email: churchwarden@stmarys.org.uk if you would like to volunteer.

Sing Praise No: 301 (words based on Psalm 139)

O God, you search me and you know me.
All my thoughts are open to your gaze.
When I walk or lie down you are before me:
ever the maker and keeper of my days.

You know my resting and my rising.
You discern my purpose from afar,
and with love everlasting you besiege me:
in every moment of life and death, you are.

Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,
you have known its meaning through and through.
You are with me beyond my understanding:
God of my present, my past and future too.

Although your Spirit is upon me,
still I search for shelter from your light.
There is nowhere on earth I can escape you:
even the darkness is radiant in your sight.

For you created me and shaped me,
gave me life within my mother's womb.
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you:
safe in your hands, all creation is made new.

Words and music: Bernadette Farrell

Sing Praise No: 322

Calm me, Lord, as you calmed the storm;
still me, Lord, keep me from harm.
Let all the tumult within me cease;
enfold me, Lord, in your peace.

Words: David Adam. Music: Margaret Rizza

Thursday 25th

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

Sunday 28th Palm Sunday (NB—No procession from precinct this year)

10:00am Holy Communion (CW Order 1) Church and Online

Holy Week -

Monday 29th

7:30pm Stations of the Cross Church and Online

April -

Thursday 1st Maundy Thursday

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

7:30pm Holy Communion, and stripping of the Altar Church and Online

Friday 2nd Good Friday

7:30 pm Tenebrae service Church and Online

Sunday 4th EASTER DAY

**5:50am Dawn service - Holy Communion outside St Mary's West door
(or maybe the South door)**

10:00am Holy Communion (CW Order 1) Church and Online

NB—There will not be a Thursday Holy Communion on Thursday 8th April.

Celebration of Women Composers

The Royal College of Organists (RCO) together with the Society of Women Organists has launched an annual celebration of women composers which, this year, will be celebrated on Sunday, 7th March, being the nearest Sunday to the International Women's Day on 8th March.

Women have been composing sacred music for many centuries— for example most people today will have heard of Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179) whose surviving chants today are more in number than those by any other medieval composer.

At St Mary's we will be recognising the contribution to sacred music of women composers by having two hymns, 'O God, you search me and you know me' words and music by Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957) and 'Calm me Lord' words by David Adam (b. 1936) and music by Margaret Rizza (b. 1929).

You will find the words to both hymns overleaf or in Sing Praise Nos. 301 and 322 respectively.