

For your prayers:

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

Please pray for the families and friends of Leslie Musto, William Spreadbury, Elizabeth Shephard, and Mary Tong who have died recently.

We also remember Clare Pipe-Wolferstan, Dora Talbot, Helen Kingston, Mary Leith and Mavis Midwinter 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.

CONTACTS:

Parish Office 01242 224883,
parishoffice@stmarysck.org.uk

Vicar

Revd Graham Bowkett, 01242 253402
vicar@stmarysck.org.uk
(Day off—Tuesday)

Curate

Revd Adrian Beere, 07788 725331
curate@stmarysck.org.uk
(Day off—Friday)

Church Wardens

Jean Hockett, 01242 300415
Colin Revell, 01242 285757
churchwarden@stmarysck.org.uk

Verger and Sacristan

Derrick Walker 01242 525742
sacristan@stmarysck.org.uk

Pastoral Team Lead

Alison Talbot, 01242 520294

Pastoral Team contacts

Alison, Heather, and Jenny
pastoral@stmarysck.org.uk

Church Flowers:

Margaret Walker, 01242 525742

Bells:

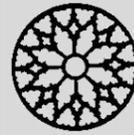
Hilda Ridley, 01242 511706

Prayer

Almighty God,
through the rising of your Son from the
grave,
you broke the power of death
and condemned death itself to die.
As we celebrate this great triumph
may we also make it a model for our
living.
Help us to identify in our lives
all that should rightly die.
Resurrect in our lives faith, hope and
love,
as surely as you raised Jesus Christ
from the grave.

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, 4th April, 2021— Easter Day



HAPPY EASTER to you all—whether you plan to join in worship at St Mary’s in person, online or if you are just interested in what is happening at the Parish Church for Charlton Kings because we are here for everyone!

We will be holding a dawn service of Holy Communion on Easter Day which will not be live-streamed, as well as our main Parish

Eucharist at 10:00am which will be live-streamed on our website at <https://www.stmarysck.org.uk/WP/>. Both services will be held in church.

Although some lockdown restrictions have been loosened, **contact tracing, mask wearing, hand sanitising and social distancing rules must still be observed. Entry will be via the West Door and exit via the South Door. Do not attend if you have any of the Covid symptoms and notify the Vicar if you test positive within 3 weeks of attending.**

Collect for Easter Day

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection
of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and
death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory:
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and
might,
now and in all eternity.
Amen.

Post Communion Prayer:

God of Life,
who for our redemption gave your
only-begotten Son to the death of the
cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of
our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him in
the joy of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Easter Day Services

6:15am 1st Eucharist of Easter (Dawn Eucharist) Church

This service will be at the High Altar as the sun begins to appear through the east window and the darkness evaporates inviting us to rejoice at the Lord's rising from the tomb.

President: Rev'd Graham Bowkett

(N.B. This service will not be online/streamed)

10:00am Parish Eucharist for Easter Day Church

President and Preacher: Rev'd Graham Bowkett

Readings:

1st reading: Acts 10:34-43 Brenda Davitt

2nd reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 June Pearce

Gospel: John 20:1-18 Jean Hockett

Intercessions: Rev'd Adrian Beere

Hymns:

CP No. 300 Glory in the highest to the God of heaven!

CP No. 137 Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise

SP No. 78 If Christ had not been raised from death

CP No. 160 Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son

See pages 5-7 for the words of the hymns

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)

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

Online Services:

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

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

<https://www.stmarysck.org.uk/WP/pew-sheet/>.

But now the Saviour is raised up,
so when a Christian dies
we mourn, yet look to God in hope -
in Christ the saints arise!

If Christ had not been truly raised
his Church would live a lie;
his name should nevermore be praised,
his words deserve to die.

But now our great Redeemer lives;
through him we are restored:
his word endures, his Church revives
in Christ, our risen Lord.

Christopher Idle (b. 1938) © Jubilate Hymns CCL No. 187757

CP 160

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death has won.*

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting:

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death has won.*

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;
life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

*French, 19th century, Edmond Budry 1854-1932
tr. Richard Hoyle 1875-1939*

CP137

Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Hearts to heaven and voices raise;
 sing to God a hymn of gladness,
 sing to God a hymn of praise:
 he who on the cross a victim
 for the world's salvation bled,
 Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
 now is risen from the dead.

Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits of the holy harvest field, which will all its full abundance at his second coming yield; then the golden ears of harvest will their heads before him wave, ripened by his glorious sunshine, from the furrows of the grave.	Christ is risen, we are risen; shed upon us heavenly grace, rain, and dew, and gleams of glory from the brightness of thy face; that we, with our hearts in heaven, here on earth may fruitful be, and by angels hands be gathered, and be ever, Lord with thee.
---	---

Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Glory be to God on high;
 Alleluia to the Saviour,
 who has gained the victory;
 Alleluia to the Spirit,
 fount of love and sanctity;
 Alleluia! Alleluia
 to the Triune Majesty.

Christopher Wordsworth 1807-1885

SP 78

If Christ had not been raised from death
 our faith would be in vain,
 our preaching but a waste of breath,
 our sin and guilt remain.
 But now the Lord is risen indeed;
 he rules in earth and heaven:
 his gospel meets a world of need -
 in Christ we are forgiven.

If Christ still lay within the tomb
 then death would be the end,
 and we should face our final doom
 with neither guide nor friend.

What's on in April -

Saturday 3rd

9:30am	Decorating St Mary's for Easter	Church
(N.B. Donations towards the cost of flowers are always welcome and should be given to Margaret Walker)		

11:00am	Interment of ashes of John Boyle	Churchyard
---------	----------------------------------	------------

Sunday 4th EASTER DAY

6:15am	1st Eucharist of Easter	Church
--------	-------------------------	--------

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

Thursday 8th

9:00am	Morning Prayer	Church
NB—There will not be a service of Holy Communion today		

Saturday 10th

9:30am	Holy Dusters' church cleaning	Church
--------	-------------------------------	--------

Sunday 11th Easter 2

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

Thursday 15th

9:00am	Morning Prayer	Church
--------	----------------	--------

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

From the Vicar

Easter Day this year falls on April 4th and it is an utterly gobsmacking, jaw dropping and astonishing event, and not because we basically couldn't do Easter last year. This year we're back!!!

Easter has had a profound affect upon the history and destiny of humankind, and on each and every one of us. Easter is an inherently radical statement of intent – from God to the world, tangible and essential.

That said, Easter can seem rather complex. It can be a bit of a puzzle, difficult to understand, and esoteric. For some sadly, it doesn't mean anything. This is a great shame because the events bound up in the life of Jesus, His birth, witness and proclamation (one incidentally of love and salvation), which lead to his capture in Gethsemane, torture by Pilate and crucifixion, culminate in the most extraordinary

thing in all Human history - His Resurrection!! These are events that are not just life changing, but eternity changing too.

Does that sound complicated? Well of course potentially it does. In 1 Thessalonians Ch4. vs14, St Paul uncharacteristically makes it all rather simple. St Paul says something to each of us that is easy to understand, easy to comprehend - an uncomplicated truth of Jesus' resurrection. We discover that for all humanity something wonderful has happened as a consequence of . . .

'believing that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus God will bring with him those who have died.'

Now that does seem straight forward does it not? God, our God, has responded through Grace to the reality of sin and death in this world.

The simplicity of this statement 'that Jesus died and rose again' should not mask the utterly profound reality of what God is doing for each and every one of us each day, every day. God is inviting all humanity, through his saving power, to an escape from death - an escape made possible through Jesus' resurrection: Jesus as a sign that evil cannot triumph. And we are invited to join him in that triumph over evil.

What an invitation - what a bidding, hard won yes, but for us. Jesus dying on the Cross, initiating a new age of hope and love. It is up to us to accept that invitation. That's a really important point – no one is forced to be a follower of Christ, it's an invitation. This Easter let it be all about love, life changing and lifesaving. Let your faith be grounded in the joy and promises of knowing and believing in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. A promise of salvation, of sin broken and death defeated - Jesus shining brightly as the enemy of evil and darkness – so that you might be saved.

Happy Easter everyone!!!

Graham

Comfort and Joy for Easter— 40 Acts of Kindness update

What a Lent this has been: a chance to reflect on our lives as followers of Christ, and also a chance to offer some comfort and joy at this most challenging time for our whole community.

We are closing in on the finishing line for our 40 Acts of Kindness programme, and what a pleasure this has been for so many. We have been humbled by the time and

money people have given to help us reach so many with an act of kindness. Thank you everyone for your overwhelming generosity.

We have not quite finished the 40 days as this update is being written, but we're delighted to let you know we have already blessed more than 200 people!

To give you a flavour of some of the offerings:

More than 150 daffodil posies have been handed out in the precinct. This created some wonderful conversations and many smiling faces.

We have delivered 25 Long Table meals.

Boxes of biscuits have been delivered to the local schools, letting all the teachers know how grateful we are for their amazing work.

We have blessed the children in our community, Little Fishes members, choir, and acolytes, with Easter eggs from The Meaningful Easter Egg company, with the Easter message and chocolate combined in one yummy package.

We also hope you have many stories of blessings you have given or received from others. Please do get in touch with any testimonies you have, as it would be great to share them.

Thank you once again for your incredible generosity, and may you have a blessed Easter season.

Erika, Anne and Adrian

Hymns for Easter Day

CP300 Glory in the highest to the God of heaven
Peace to all your people through the earth be given:
mighty God and Father, thanks and praise we bring,
singing alleluias to our heavenly King.

Jesus Christ is risen, God the Father's Son:
with the Holy Spirit, you are Lord alone!
Lamb once killed for sinners, all our guilt to bear,
show us now your mercy, now receive our prayer.

Christ the world's true Saviour, high and holy one,
seated now and reigning from your Father's throne:
Lord and God, we praise you; highest heaven adores:
in the Father's glory, all the praise be yours!

Christopher Idle (b. 1938) © Jubilate Hymns CCL No. 187757