

For your prayers:

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

Please pray for the families and friends of Elizabeth Shepard and Gordon Burge who have died recently.

We also remember Shirley Nevin, and Dorothy Duguid 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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Rogationtide Prayer

Almighty God,
whose will it is that the earth and sea
should bear fruit in due season:
bless the labours of those who work
on land and sea,
grant us a good harvest
and the grace always to rejoice in your
fatherly care;
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 **Tuesday** each week



St Mary’s Church, Charlton Kings
Sunday, 9th May, 2021— Easter 6

IMPORTANT—PLEASE READ AND COMPLY:

Ropes had been removed from pew ends and the cushions replaced on pew seats **BUT we were trusting people to sit sensibly in church and continue to observe all the social distancing guidelines. You must leave a distance of six feet between you and the person sitting next to, or in front of, you unless they are in your household group/bubble.** We have arranged hassocks along the pews to help social distancing. Please do not sit on, or move the hassocks.

Remember: If attending church, contact tracing, mask wearing, hand sanitising and social distancing rules must be observed. Enter by the West Door and leave the building by 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.

The 10:00am service will be live streamed on **www.stmarysck.org.uk/** and be available to view on the internet during the coming week .

TODAY’S SERVICES

The service sheet may be downloaded and printed from the website

8:00am Holy Communion
President: Rev’d Graham Bowkett

10:00am Parish Communion
President: Rev’d Graham Bowkett
Preacher: Rev’d Graham Bowkett

Readings: Acts 10:44-48
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17

Hymns:
Common Praise No: 254 -
For the fruits of his creation,
thanks be to God
Sing Praise No: 213 -
Body broken for our good

Collect:
God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power
of darkness and brought us into the
kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has
recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he
may raise us to eternal joy;
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.

**Thursday this week is Ascension Day -
11:00am Holy Communion (Common
Worship Order 2)**

Post Communion Prayer:

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water
of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns,
now and for ever.
Amen.



**Christian Aid
Week
10th-16th May**

Please give generously online via the national organisation <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/>. To join local activities supporting Christian Aid visit <https://cheltenhamca.com/> for information and news of local events.

Parish Diary

Regular Services in Church:

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

Online Services:

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

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

Other services and events:

May—

Thursday 13th - Ascension Day

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

Friday 14th

9:00am Church Flowers Church

Saturday 15th

9:30am Churchyard Clear-up Churchyard

Saturday 22nd

9:00am Holy Dusters church cleaning Church

Sunday 23rd - Pentecost (aka Whit Sunday)

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

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

Sing Praise No: 213 - Body broken for our good

Body broken for our good,
and that body's precious blood:
we receive them to our shame,
who dishonour Jesus' name.
Every day more blood is shed;
flesh is broken, left for dead.
Where earth's children bleed and die,
it is Christ we crucify.

Yet your love, God, draws us near,
though unworthy to be here;
we have nothing good to bring,
yet you give us everything!
Here you give us Christ who died,
resurrected, glorified;
his humanity, divine,
here is ours in bread and wine.

In communion with this Lord,
faith, hope, love are all restored;
here is wealth beyond compare,
wealth for all the world to share.
He reclaims our every breath:
all our life and even death
cannot be too great a price,
to complete his sacrifice.

Time, with energy and health,
talent, poverty or wealth:
all are yours, Lord, taken up
in the sign of bread and cup.
Though we may be broken too,
and our lives poured out for you,
make of us the living sign
of your love in bread and wine.

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Common Praise No: 254 - For the fruits of his creation

For the fruits of his creation
thanks be to God;
for his gifts to every nation,
thanks be to God;
for the ploughing, sowing reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe keeping,
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbour,
God's will is done;
in our world-wide task of caring,
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

For the harvests of his Spirit,
thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

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Monthly Churchyard Clear-up Working Parties begin again on Saturday, 15th May

Volunteers (old and new) urgently needed. No experience necessary but please bring gardening gloves if you have some. The task is to undertake general tidying up and trimming overgrown shrubs etc. It would also be helpful if you have any secateurs, garden shears (for trimming the grass round graves) garden rakes, brushes, or litter picking tools. Refreshments will be provided during the morning. Just turn up on the day between 9:30 and 11:30am or contact Jean or Colin (Churchwardens) for more information.



Christian Aid Week - 10th to 16th May 2021

In former years red envelopes were delivered to as many houses as possible, and collected later with their contributions. This year, after a completely envelope-free week in 2020, we have envelopes again, but they are designed NOT to be collected, but to be returned individually. We have envelopes at the back of the church if you would like to take one and put in your donation. They can be filled and left immediately in the box provided, or taken home and brought back next week or popped into the Parish Centre letterbox.

If you prefer a more modern approach, the envelope has details of how to donate via the internet, by bank transfer or by text from a mobile phone.

Those who have already donated, by sponsoring Megan in her walk, **THANK YOU** so much - Megan has received more than £550 through the forms that many of us signed, and around another £500 sponsorship through other means. Well done Megan!

Christian Aid works to help the poorest people on our earth, adversely affected by climate change, natural disasters and political unrest. It helps those of every race, or faith, and teams up with local people who understand the needs of their community. Christian Aid also campaigns for trade justice, asking that those who provide raw materials for luxury goods should be given a fair price. The charity also makes its voice heard in matters of tax justice, and in the crippling debt under which many third world countries labour. Charlton Kings has a proud tradition of support for this charity; do please take an envelope if you can and use it to help some of the world's poorest and most disadvantaged people look forward to a better future.

Thank you