

**For your prayers:**

Please pray for those who are sick including Kathy Keffler, Val Flippance, Zoe Grist and the Rev'd Les Isaac.

Please pray for the families and friends of Bill Nichol who has died recently.

We also remember Yvonne Brawn, Fred Packer and Doreen Aylott 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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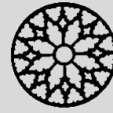
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**Prayer**

Support us, O Lord,  
all the day long of this troublous life,  
until the shadows lengthen and the  
evening comes,  
the busy world is hushed,  
the fever of life is over  
and our work is done.  
Then, Lord, in your mercy grant us a  
safe lodging,  
a holy rest, and peace at the last;  
through 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, 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2021— Trinity 7 (Proper 11)**

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/](http://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 Adrian Beere

**10:00am Parish Communion**  
President : Rev'd Adrian Beere  
Preacher: Rev'd Adrian Beere

Readings: 2 Samuel 7:1-14a  
Ephesians 2:11-22  
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Hymns:  
Common Praise No: 483 —  
Jesu, my Lord, my God, my all  
Common Praise No: 594 —  
The Lord's my Shepherd

Anthem:  
I give to you a new  
commandment — Nardone

**Collect:**  
Lord of all power and might,  
the author and giver of all good  
things:

graft in our hearts the love of your  
name,  
increase in us true religion,  
nourish us with all goodness,  
and of your great mercy keep us in the  
same;  
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:**  
Lord God, whose Son is the true vine  
and the source of life,  
ever giving himself that the world may  
live:  
may we so receive within ourselves the  
power of his death and passion  
that, in his saving cup,  
we may share his glory ad be made  
perfect in his love;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for  
ever. **Amen.**

## Parish Diary

### Regular Services in Church:

Sundays: 8:00am Holy Communion (CW Order 2— Traditional language)  
10:00am Parish Communion (CW Order 1)

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

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:

#### July -

##### Monday 19<sup>th</sup>

7:30pm Choir Practice Church

##### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>

9:00am Church Flowers Church

##### Monday 26<sup>th</sup>

7:30pm Choir Practice Church

##### Saturday 31<sup>st</sup>

9:30am Holy Dusters Church

11:00am Interment of the ashes of George Compton Churchyard

#### August -

##### Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>

2:30pm Mothers' Union Afternoon Group Parish Centre

7:30pm Choir Practice Church

##### Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>

9:15am Mothers' Union Corporate Communion Church

##### Friday 6<sup>th</sup>

9:00am Church Flowers Church

2:30pm Open Garden Event (details to be confirmed)

##### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>

12:00pm Interment of ashes of Kathleen Philp Churchyard

##### Friday 13<sup>th</sup>

9:00am Church Flowers Church

##### Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>

9:30am Holy Dusters Church

## Common Worship No: 594

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;  
he makes me down to lie  
in pastures green; he leadeth me  
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,  
and me to walk doth make  
within the paths of righteousness,  
e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,  
yet will I fear none ill;  
for thou art with me, and thy rod  
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou has furnishèd  
in presence of my foes;  
my head thou dost with oil anoint,  
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life  
shall surely follow me;  
and in God's house for evermore  
my dwelling-place shall be

*Scottish Psalter 1650*  
Psalm 23

## Common Worship No: 483

Jesu, my Lord, my God, my all,  
hear me, blest Saviour, when I call;  
hear me, and from thy dwelling-place  
pour down the riches of thy grace:  
*Jesu, my Lord, I thee adore,  
O make me love thee more and more.*

Jesu, too late I thee have sought,  
how can I love thee as I ought?  
And how extol thy matchless fame,  
the glorious beauty of thy name?  
*Jesu, my Lord . . .*

Jesu, what didst thou find in me,  
that thou has dealt so lovingly?  
How great the joy that thou hast brought,  
so far exceeding hope or thought!  
*Jesu, my Lord . . .*

Jesu, of thee shall be my song,  
to thee my heart and soul belong;  
all that I am or have is thine,  
and thou, sweet Saviour, thou art mine.  
*Jesu, my Lord, I thee adore,  
O make me love thee more and more.*

*Henry Collins (1827-1919)*

## *From the Vicar*

Next Sunday, Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> is freedom day – Woop!

Actually it sort of is, and it sort of isn't. It is the day the government says restrictions end – unless they don't.

I and the Church Wardens are proposing that on July 25<sup>th</sup> we will proceed intending to celebrate that Sunday as we rejoice and give thanks to God for our church, our community and all our blessings. Reflecting particularly on the year and half we have all just experienced. I don't want to say celebrate the end of the Covid Pandemic – because it clearly isn't. But, we might say this church service is a celebration, which it is hoped will celebrate at the very least the beginning of the end - in good old fashioned Churchwellian fashion.

To do this we will we deploy the army's VUCA strategy to combat the Church of England's - volatility, uncertainty, complexity and ambiguity of instruction/information. Which basically is an anachronistic term for - anything might happen, but we will do our best to overcome all obstacles.

At the moment we propose to celebrate Holy Communion from the High Altar. If permissible the Common Cup will be offered. Even if this is permissible, we will also offer reserved sacrament (as we do now) in two kinds administered from St David's chapel.

Face masks will be optional, but I do think it is probably a good idea if we are mindful to observe and respect everyone's personal space.

We will offer special prayers and sing in church, hymns specially chosen that we can all join in with.

Following the service we will have fellowship and refreshment – coffee/tea and or something fizzy.

I too hope that we are able to take a photograph of everyone who attends this service to mark the occasion, which I would then plan to hang in the vestry, to mark the occasion.

I too, would like to use this service as an opportunity to say thank everyone

who has worked so hard from within the St Mary's various teams, who have kept so to speak the show on the road. And to thank you the congregation for your support, your generosity and prayers.

Of course we will respond to legislation, and keep everyone as safe as possible. No one will be asked to do anything they are not comfortable with, but, this is a opportunity for us to rejoice, at our good fortune and all our blessings, ever remembering those who are not as fortunate and as lucky as we are here at St Mary's Charlton Kings.



2 Samuel 6.14-22 **'And David wearing a linen ephod, danced before the Lord with all his might'.**

*Blessings,  
Graham*

### *Music at St Mary's*

**Congregational singing** can resume in churches from 19<sup>th</sup> July—which means that, at last, we can all join in lifting up our voices in song at St Mary's on Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> July.

**Choir practices** re-start on Monday 19th July - 7.30-9.00pm in Church. All existing and any 'new' members aged 9 years and above will be welcome at the practice. Entry will be via the Vestry.

**Music Group** - John is keen to develop a music group to play at some services. If you are interested in being involved, or know someone else who might be, please email [organist@stmarysck.org.uk](mailto:organist@stmarysck.org.uk) or speak to John after the 10:00am service.

**John**

### **Get involved at St Mary's . . .**

We rely very heavily on volunteers — people of all ages who offer their time and talents to support the church. There are many different opportunities available—some helping during services while others may be of a practical nature looking after the building both inside and out. The Churchwardens would be happy to explain what is available to anyone who would like to get more involved at St Mary's.

### *Servers and Acolytes*

Not a singer but would like to be more involved during worship? Why not consider volunteering as an altar server or an acolyte?

Acolytes, often children, carry the candles and, together with the Crucifer who carries the cross, lead the procession of the ministers and at the beginning and end of the service. During the service they sit in the Chancel and have an excellent view of all that happens — including seeing what the Servers do to assist the priest at the altar.

Servers have an important role in preparing the altar before a service, assisting the priest during the service and helping to clear up afterwards.

By volunteering as an Acolyte or Server, you are playing a key part in ensuring the smooth running of a service which enables the congregation to focus on worshipping God—which is what we are all there to do!

If you would like to volunteer as a Server or Acolyte, or learn more about the role before deciding whether it is something you would like to do, please contact Hilda Ridley (Tel: 511706) or Derrick Walker (Tel: 525742) or speak to the Vicar or one of the Churchwardens.

### **Theology Book Group**

The Group enjoyed its first meeting since before lockdown on 12<sup>th</sup> July. We agreed that future meetings would be held on Tuesday evenings to enable to members to attend choir practices.

Our next meeting will be held at 7:30pm on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> August when the book to be discussed will be 'Inventing the Universe' by Alister McGrath. Copies, including used ones in good condition, may be purchased from several online outlets.

If you would like to learn more about the Book Group, please contact Jean Huckett.