

**Please pray for:**

Those who are sick including Val Flippance, Gordon Wenham, Brian Clarke and Colin Johnson.

The family and friends of those who have died recently including Archbishop Desmond Tutu

We also remember Meg Rae, Peggy Harris Herbert Boddy, Sylvia Compton, David Roberts, David Stephens and Stanley Jelf whose year's mind falls at this time.

**WEDDING AND BAPTISM ENQUIRIES - 6:00—6:30pm in St Mary's Church**

All enquiries about weddings or baptisms should be made directly to the Vicar or Curate. Please come to meet the clergy in church each Wednesday evening between 6:00 and 6:30pm.

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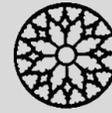
**Pastoral Team contacts -**

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**Prayer for the New Year**

Eternal God,  
your everlasting mercy  
rises new in the morning of another year.  
Give us grace to arise with Christ  
who is our morning light.  
In this new year of our life's journey,  
may we walk by faith with him,  
and with a willing spirit  
persevere to the end;  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

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



**St Mary's Church, Charlton Kings**  
**Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2022 - Epiphany**

Happy New Year and a warm welcome to our services today whether you are here in St Mary's or watching online at home.

**Face coverings are now a mandatory requirement in St Mary's (unless you are exempt for health reasons). Please continue to respect social distancing and the sensitivities of others around you.**

**TODAY'S SERVICES**

**8:00am Holy Communion**

President: Rev'd Graham Bowkett

**10:00am All Age Service with Communion**

Presiding and Preaching:

Rev'd Graham Bowkett

**Reading:** Matthew 2:1-12

**Hymns:**

CP 44 Angels from the realms of glory

CP 91 We three kings

CP 68 See him lying on a bed of straw

CP 83 As with gladness

**Communion Hymn:**

CP89 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

**Please stay for refreshments after this service.**

**Collect**

O God,  
who by the leading of a star  
manifested your only Son to the  
peoples of the earth:

mercifully grant that we,  
who know you now by faith,  
may at last behold your glory face to  
face;  
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,  
the bright splendour whom the nations  
seek:  
may we who with the wise men have  
been drawn by your light  
discern the glory of your presence in  
your Son,  
the word made flesh, Jesus Christ our  
Lord.  
**Amen.**

**NB NO EVENING SERVICE TODAY**

**Next Sunday, 9th January at 5:30pm  
Taizé style service**

## Regular Services in Church

Sundays: 8:00am Holy Communion (CW Order 2— Traditional language)  
10:00am 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday All Age Service with Communion  
2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays Parish Communion (CW Order 1)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday A Service of the Breaking of Bread (Communion)  
5:30pm 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Choral Evensong (BCP)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Taizé  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Evensong  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Prayer and Praise  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Full Choral Evensong (BCP)

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

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

**The 10:00am service every Sunday is also 'live streamed' and available to watch on St Mary's website during the following week.**

## Parish Diary

<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	
7:30pm Choir Practice	Church
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	
9:00am Church Flowers	Church
<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	
9:30am Holy Dusters	Church
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	
2:30pm Mothers' Union Corporate Communion and Enrolment	Church
7:30pm Choir Practice	Church
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	
9:00am Church Flowers	Church
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	
12:00pm Baptism of Grace and Otilie Price	Church
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	
7:30pm Choir Practice	Church
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	
9:00am Church Flowers	Church
7:30pm Burns Night (Tickets £10.00 on sale from 9 <sup>th</sup> January)	Parish Centre

## Mothers' Union

No meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> January which is a Bank Holiday. The Corporate Communion service this month will be held in church at 2:30pm on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January and will include the enrolment of new members. New members are always welcome. Contact Brenda Davitt—email [davitt.brenda169@gmail.com](mailto:davitt.brenda169@gmail.com) or telephone 230951 for more information.

## Music at St Mary's

Since joining you in June, the time has gone very quickly! Being part of the worship at St Mary's is a real joy and I would like to thank the choir for their support and great singing. My thanks also go to Andrew, David and Christine, the music group, and also to David Brawn who plays the organ so well when I'm not around. It was also great to have John Ursell playing at the Nine Lessons and Carols. My final thanks must go to you all, who sing so well in all our services (albeit now behind your masks again).

As we begin 2022 and our new pattern of services, you will notice a greater range of music, including Taizé chants and more contemporary songs and anthems, alongside the more traditional repertoire. We hope that you will enjoy this greater range of music and that it will continue enhance your worship.

One of my priorities is to try and increase the size of the choir. I have already visited the Charlton Kings Junior School on a recruitment drive and I plan to visit our other local schools in the New Year. If you know of any children who might be interested in joining us, please let me know. Indeed, there is always a space for new adults as well! Also, if you play a musical instrument, think about joining our music group. Finally, thank you for all your feedback and please keep it coming. If you have any musical suggestions please let me know.

From the choir and all our other St Mary's musicians we wish you a very happy and healthy 2022!

John

## Comfort and Joy

Thanks to all who supported the Comfort and Joy project this Christmas. We were inundated with donations (monetary and goods), packers and deliverers. We managed to share Christ's love through a goody bag containing seasonal treats and the Church of England's devotional book. 90 individuals, 15 young children and 9 older children received bags. The teachers at 6 schools had boxes of biscuits and the staff of 5 care homes had tins of sweets.