

**Please pray for:**

Those who are sick or frail including Colin Johnson and Lynne Wenham. The family and friends of those who died recently, among them Jack Lacey and Aileen Burge. We also remember John Page, Gerald Aston, Joan Clark, Ken Baker and Jeremy Whales whose year's mind falls at this time, and praying for those who still love and miss them.

**WEDDING AND BAPTISM ENQUIRIES -**

Please contact the Vicar by telephone or email (details below) to discuss

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**Nine Lessons and Carols - St Mary's Festival Choir.**

The Service is on Sunday 17th December at 6.30 pm. If anyone is interested in joining an extended choir for this popular service, there will be three rehearsals on Mondays 27th November, 4th December and 11th December - all at 7.45 pm to 9.00 pm. Feel free to pass on the invitation to others. Speak to John Clift.

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



**St Mary's Church, Charlton Kings**  
**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023 - Second Before Advent**

Welcome to St Mary's whether you are here in person or joining us online. Information about services today is below while details of our regular weekday services will be found overleaf. Everyone is welcome at any of our services. If you are new to St Mary's please make yourself known to one of our Welcomers who will be pleased to answer any questions you may have about St Mary's.

**SERVICES**

**8:00am Holy Communion**

President: Rev'd Rosanne Roberts  
Preacher : Rev'd Rosanne Roberts

**10:00am Breaking of Bread**

President: Rev'd Rosanne Roberts  
Preacher: Erika Fletcher

**Readings:** Zephaniah 1. 7 - 18  
1 Thessalonians 5. 1 - 11  
Matthew 25. 14 - 30

**Hymns**

- 1. **474** Immortal, invisible,
- 2. **386** Be thou my vision
- 3. **40** Ye servants of the Lord  
**Communion** One bread, one body
- 4. **571** Soldiers of Christ, arise

Choir Anthem - David Ogden  
Christ has no body now but yours

Please stay and join together for refreshments and fellowship after our 10 o'clock service.

**5.30 pm Choral Evensong**

Officiant: Erika Fletcher

**Collect**

Heavenly Father,  
whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:  
grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Post Communion Prayer**

Gracious Lord,  
in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Please see back page for notice about joining the choir for the Nine Lessons and Carol s Service - December 17th 6.30 pm.

## 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 style service  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Choral Evensong (BCP)  
 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Compline (said - no choir)  
 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Full Choral Evensong (BCP)

Thursdays: 11:00am Holy Communion (CW Order 2 - Traditional language)  
 Last Friday of each month: 11.00 am Memory Lane Service

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**

## Parish Diary for this Week

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup>**  
 1.30 pm Funeral of Jack Lacey Church  
 7.30 pm Choir Practice Church

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>**  
 7.30pm Bell ringers practice Church Tower

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
 12 noon Open The Book Charlton Kings Junior School  
 2.30 pm Funeral of Aileen Burge Crematorium

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
 10.15 am Little Fishes Parish Centre  
 11.00 am Holy Communion Church

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup>**  
 9.30 am Church Flowers Church  
 11.00 am Memory Lane Service Church

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>**  
 9.30 am - 11.30 am Holy Dusters - church cleaning

**Services Next Sunday 26th November - Christ The King**  
 8.00 am Holy Communion  
 10.00 am Parish Communion / The Friends Anniversary  
 3.30 pm Confirmation Service with Bishop Robert

**Stamps in aid of the Sudan & South Sudan:** Alison is selling again, paired stamps which this year add up to **75p**. Commemorative stamps like these don't need a QR code so are all legal. Have a word or call on 520294. Thank you. Alison

Juliet, has **Shining Life Christmas cards** on sale in church again this morning. Shining Life, the Charity she founded, has been helping children in Sri Lanka for over 20 years and appreciates the support it has always received from St Mary's.

**Theology Book Group** Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> December** at 7.30 pm when we will be discussing 'Faith Beyond Despair' by Elias Chacour. Fr Chacour is a Melkite Catholic who was the Archbishop of Galilee from 2005 to 2014. He describes himself as a Palestinian-Arab-Israeli Christian and has written three books about his life and ministry as both an Israeli citizen and ethnic Palestinian. He has worked throughout his ministry to bring the people of the three Abrahamic faiths together. His family was forced out of their village with the creation of Israel in 1948, a story he recounts in 'We belong to the land'. Chacour's second book, 'Blood Brothers' is about his work to bring peace between the Israeli and Palestinian peoples and the third, 'Faith Beyond Despair' sub-titled, 'Building hope in the Holy Land' continues this theme of peace building – a seemingly impossible task at the present time but one which must be addressed by all who seek peace with justice for all people. Contact Jean Hockett (email [jean.hockett@talktalk.net](mailto:jean.hockett@talktalk.net)) if you are interested in joining our group.

**Wanted: Donations of kitchen equipment you no longer have a use for.** The organisation 'Gloucestershire Action for Refugees and Asylum Seekers (GARAS) is appealing for donations of kitchen equipment. This is to help support refugees moving out of asylum and into more permanent accommodation. GARAS offers support with basic 'home-making' items but currently there is a shortage of all kinds of kitchen equipment, including saucepans, kettles, microwaves, cutlery, crockery etc. If you have any such items no longer being used, please consider donating them to GARAS to help someone transition to their new life in the UK. Please email [admin@garas.org.uk](mailto:admin@garas.org.uk) if you are able to donate, or speak to Jean Hockett. More information may be found on the GARAS website at [www.garas.org.uk](http://www.garas.org.uk).

**Confirmation with Bishop Robert - Next Sunday 26th November at 3.30 pm.** Do remember in your prayers: Eti Burch, Seb Knight, Liam Wilkinson, Gerry Coppell, and Linsey Hutchins, soon to be confirmed. Please come and show your support for the candidates, and give Bishop Robert a warm welcome. Refreshments after.

If you have access to the internet you can view the pew sheet online at <https://www.stmarysck.org.uk/WP/pew-sheet/> and also download and print.