

Please pray for:

Those who are sick or frail including Colin Johnson and Lynne Wenham.
The family and friends of those who died recently. We also remember Victor Godwin, Edna Roach and Frederick Yeates 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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Christmas Services

Sun 17th 6.30 pm Carol Service

Sun 24th **No** 8.00am Communion

10.00 am Parish Communion

2.30 pm Crib Service

4.00 pm Crib Service

11.30 pm Midnight Mass

Mon 25th 8.00 am Holy Communion

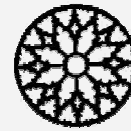
10.00 am Parish Communion

Sun 31st 8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Communion

No evening services on 24th and 31st Dec.

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 10th December 2023 - Second Sunday of 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 Graham Bowkett
Preacher: Rev'd Graham Bowkett

10:00am Parish Communion with Baptism of Sophie Morton

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

Readings: Isaiah 40. 1 - 11
2 Peter 3. 8 - 15a
Mark 1. 1 - 8

Hymns

1. **26** Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding
2. **29** Hills of the North, rejoice
3. **34** On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
4. **357** Lord of lords and King eternal

Communion Faithful Shepherd, feed me
(omit verse 4)

Choir Anthem - Vaughan Williams

This is the truth sent from above

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

4.00 pm Christingle Service

Officiant: Rev'd Graham Bowkett

Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Regular Services in Church

Sundays: 8:00am Holy Communion (CW Order 2— Traditional language)
 10:00am 1st Sunday All Age Service with Communion
 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays Parish Communion (CW Order 1)
 3rd Sunday A Service of the Breaking of Bread (Communion)
 5:30pm 1st Sunday Choral Evensong (BCP)
 2nd Sunday Taizé style service
 3rd Sunday Choral Evensong (BCP)
 4th Sunday Compline (said - no choir)
 5th 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 11th

10.00 am - 12 noon St. Edward's School rehearsal Church

7.30 pm Choir Practice (Extended Festival Choir 7.45 pm - 9.00 pm) Church

Tuesday 12th

10.00 am - 12 noon St. Edward's School rehearsal Church

6.00 pm - 7.30 pm St. Edward's School Carol Service Church

7.30 pm Mother's Union Evening Group (note change of date) 9 Bradley Road

7.30pm Bell ringers practice Church Tower

Wednesday 13th

12 noon Open The Book Charlton Kings Junior School

1.00 pm - 3.00 pm C/K Infant School rehearsal Church

Thursday 14th

10.15 am Little Fishes Parish Centre

11.00 am Holy Communion Church

2.00 pm - 9.00 pm Charlton Kings Choral Society Rehearsal and Concert Church

Services Next Sunday 17th December - Third Sunday of Advent

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Breaking of Bread Service

6.30 pm Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

For Christmas Services- see back page

Memorial Candles. If you would like a candle in a window this year, in memory of a loved one, please see the sign up sheet in church. Candles will be lit from the Carol service on 17th December until Candlemas on February 4th. Suggested donation £2 per candle. Candles ideally need to be ordered no later than today if possible, so name cards can be prepared in time.

From Marie Aston. Did you wonder where your wool had gone? I have knitted knee blankets, in aid of "Sense", a Charity which helps deaf and blind children. These will be on sale today, the 10th December. Come and take a look.

We need **volunteers to be welcomers** at both the Crib Services on Christmas Eve and also at the Carol Service on the 17th. Please see the sign up sheets in church.

Christmas Flowers. If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of Christmas flowers, please give it to Margaret Walker. Thank you.

Please note that there is **no 8.00 am Holy Communion** on Sunday 24th December - Christmas Eve. But there will be an 8.00 am Communion Service on Christmas Day. Also there will be no Evening Services on Sundays 24th and 31st December.

Charlton Kings Choral Society Christmas Concert on 14th December in church. You can pay on the door - all welcome. For exact time of concert and more details - speak to Margaret Walker.

Rosanne has more **Christmas Quiz Sheets.** £1 each - prize £50 for most correct answers. To help fund Gloucester Scouts' trip to the Black Forest, Austria.

Wanted: Donations of kitchen equipment you no longer have a use for.

'Gloucestershire Action for Refugees and Asylum Seekers (GARAS) is appealing for donations of kitchen equipment, to help refugees moving into more permanent accommodation. Currently there is a shortage of kitchen equipment, including saucepans, kettles, microwaves, cutlery, crockery etc. If you have any such items you can donate to GARAS, please email admin@garas.org.uk or speak to Jean Hockett. More information on the GARAS website at www.garas.org.uk.

Cheltenham Food Bank is asking for donations of special Christmas food items, so they can be given out the week before Christmas. Others items always needed.

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

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.