

**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 Edna Roach, Frederick Yeates and Alan Rogers (priest) 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 bookings.

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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 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023 - Third 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 Breaking of Bread**

President: Rev’d Graham Bowkett  
Preacher: Erika Fletcher

**Readings:** Isaiah 61. 1 - 4, 8 - 11  
1 Thessalonians 5. 16 - 24  
John 1. 6 - 8, 19 - 28

**Hymns**

- 1. Christ be our light
- 2. **33** O day of God draw nigh
- 3. Beauty for Brokenness

**Communion** Holy Spirit

**4.513** Shine, Jesus, shine

**Choir Anthem -** Gabriel’s Message  
Basque Traditional Carol

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

**6.30 pm Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols**

Officiant: Rev’d Graham Bowkett

**Collect**

O Lord Jesus Christ,  
who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way,  
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world, we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;  
for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Post Communion Prayer**

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;  
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever. **Amen**

## 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 18<sup>th</sup>**  
 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm Infant School Rehearsal Church  
 7.30 pm Choir Practice Church

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>**  
 1.30 pm Infant School Nativity Church  
 7.30 pm Bell ringers Practice Church Tower

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>**  
 9.30 am Infant School Nativity Church  
 1.15 pm - 2.45 pm Junior School Christmas Concert Church

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>**  
 10.15 am Little Fishes Parish Centre  
 11.00 am Holy Communion Church

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
 9.30 am Church Flowers

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
 9.30 am Holy Dusters - Church cleaning

### Coming Soon

Friday 29th December 11.00 am Memory Lane Service

**For Christmas Services- see overleaf and back page**

## Services Next Sunday 24th December - Fourth Sunday of Advent

(**No** 8.00 am Holy Communion)

10.00 am Parish Communion

2.30 pm Crib Service

4.00 pm Crib Service

11.30 pm Midnight Mass

### Services on Christmas Day

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Communion

**From Marie Aston.** A big thank you to those who bought the blankets I knitted with your donated yarn in aid of "Sense", a Charity which helps deaf and blind children. I'm pleased to say they were all sold. Thank you.

We need **volunteers to be welcomers** at both the Crib Services on Christmas Eve. Please see the sign up sheets in church.

**Christmas Flowers.** We are blessed with a gifted team of flower arrangers who make our church look beautiful, especially at Festival times. If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of Christmas flowers, please give it to Margaret Walker. Thank you very much.

**Theological Book Group** Our next meeting will be on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 when we will be discussing 'The Great Partnership: God, Science and the Search for Meaning' by Jonathan Sacks. The focus of the book, as stated on the back cover, is 'Science takes things apart to see how they work. Religion puts things together to see what they mean.' The late Chief Rabbi Lord Sacks is an engaging and learned writer, well worth reading by people of all faiths and none. Contact Jean jean.huckett@talktalk.net for more information.

**Experience Christmas.** Some 120 children from Year 4 Glenfall School and Charlton Kings Junior School came into church during last week, with their teachers, to hear the Christmas Story. At five "Stations", from the Annunciation to Mary to the stable at Bethlehem, the children engaged in the Nativity Journey. They were a delight! We offer our thanks to Doreen, Janet, Monica, June, Dilys, Jane, Benda, Heather and Jean who made it all possible. (Graham and Rosanne did a bit too.)

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.