

**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 Ken Baker, Jeremy Whales, Michael Selley, Victor Godwin and Edna Roach 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 25th 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 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023 - First Sunday of Advent**  
**Year B Readings - Mark's Gospel**

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 All Age Communion**

President: Rev'd Graham Bowkett

Preacher: Rev'd Graham Bowkett

**Readings:** Isaiah 64. 1- 9

1 Corinthians 1. 3 - 9

Mark 13. 24 - 27

**Hymns**

1. Make way, make way

2. **32** O come, O come, Emmanuel

3. **24** Come, thou long expected Jesus  
**Communion** This is my body broken  
for you

4. Christ be our light

**Choir Anthem** - Graham Kendrick

Like a candle flame

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

**5.30 pm Advent by Candlelight**

Officiant: Rev'd Graham Bowkett

**Collect**

Almighty God,  
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness

and to put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;  
that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion Prayer**

O Lord our God,  
make us watchful and keep us faithful  
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;  
that, when he shall appear,  
he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service  
and joyful in his praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 4<sup>th</sup>**  
 12.30 pm Mother's Union Christmas Lunch Clock Tower  
 7.30 pm Choir Practice (Extended Festival Choir 7.45 pm - 9.00 pm) Church

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>**  
 9.15 am M.U. Corporate Communion - no Morning Prayer St. David's Chapel  
 1.30 pm - 2.30 pm Experience Christmas - C/K Junior School Church  
 7.30 pm Theology Book Group Home of David & Virginia Adsett  
 7.30pm Bell ringers practice Church Tower

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>**  
 9.30 am - 10.30 am Experience Christmas - Glenfall Community School Church  
 12 noon Open The Book Charlton Kings Junior School  
 1.30 pm - 2.30 pm Experience Christmas - C/K Junior School Church

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>**  
 10.15 am Little Fishes Parish Centre  
 11.00 am Holy Communion Church  
 1.30 pm - 2.30 pm Experience Christmas - C/K Junior School Church

**Friday 8**  
 10 am - 12 noon St. Edward's School Rehearsal Church

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>**  
 6.00 pm Christingle Making Vestry  
 7.00 pm Christmas Sing-a-long (see notice) Parish Centre

## Services next Sunday 10th December - 2nd Sunday of Advent

8.00 am Holy Communion  
 10.00 am Parish Communion with Baptism of Sophia Moreton  
 4.00 pm **Christingle Service.** No service at 5.30 pm.  
 For Christmas Services - see overleaf

There is still a good selection of **cookery books** waiting for good homes. Do take a look - near the Font. Suggested donations £4 and £2 - for St Mary's funds.

**Christmas Sing-a-long 9th December 2023 in St Mary's Parish Centre, 7pm - 9pm.**  
 Come and join the Charlton Kings Community Players in a celebration of Christmas with seasonal readings and lots of songs and carols for you to sing-a-long to. Tickets are £5.00 each to include a glass of mulled wine, wine or a soft drink together with a mince pie or shortbread and there will be a raffle during the interval. Tickets on sale at the door which will open at 6.45. Please note that you will need to bring **cash** for this event. Jane Jones (Chair, CKCP)

**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. Suggested donation £2 per candle.

**Nine Lessons and Carols - St Mary's Festival Chorus** A massive thank you to those of you who joined us on Monday. It is certainly not too late to be part of our extended choir. Our remaining rehearsals are on Mondays 4th and 11th December 7.45

**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](mailto:admin@garas.org.uk) or speak to Jean Hockett. More information on the GARAS website at [www.garas.org.uk](http://www.garas.org.uk).

**Cheltenham Food Bank** is asking for donation of special Christmas food items, in time so they can be given out the week before Christmas.

**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.