

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 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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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 24th December 2023 - Fourth Sunday of Advent
A happy and Blessed Christmas to you all

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

10:00am Parish Communion

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

Readings: 2 Samuel 7. 1 - 11, 16
Romans 18. 25 - 27
Luke 1. 26 - 38

Hymns

1. **32** O come, O come Emmanuel
 2. **242** The Angel Gabriel from heaven came
 3. **24** Come, thou long expected Jesus
- Communion** 243 The God who earth and sea and sky
4. **362** Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord

Choir Anthem - John Joubert
There is no rose of such virtue

2.30 pm Crib Service

Officiant: Rev'd Graham Bowkett

4.00 pm Crib Service

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11.30 pm Midnight Mass

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

Collect

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Services next Sunday 31st Dec.
First Sunday of Christmas

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Communion
No Evening Service

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 25th Christmas Day

8.00 am Holy Communion President & Preacher: Rev'd Rosanne Roberts
10.00 am Parish Communion President & Preacher: Rev'd Graham Bowkett
No Evening Service

Thursday 28th The Holy Innocents

11.00 am Holy Communion

Friday 29th

11.00 am Memory Lane Service

Collect for Midnight Mass

Eternal God, who made this most holy night
to shine with the brightness of your one true light:
bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth,
to see the radiance of your heavenly glory;
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.**

Collect for Christmas Day

Almighty God,
you have given us your only-begotten Son
to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin:
grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adop-
tion and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit;
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

God our Father, whose Word has come among us
in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:
may the light of faith illumine our hearts
and shine in our words and deeds;
through him who is Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

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, 5th 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 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.