

**Please pray for:**

Those who are sick or frail including Colin Johnson and Lynne Wenham and Betty Packer. The family and friends of those who died recently. We also remember Alan Rogers (priest), David Roberts, David Stephens and Stanley Jeff 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 31st December 2023 - First Sunday of**  
**Christmas**

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**

**8.00 am Holy Communion**

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

**10:00am Parish Communion**

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Preacher: Rev'd Rosanne Roberts

**Readings:** Isaiah 61. 10 - 62. 3  
Galatians 4. 4 - 7  
Luke 2. 15 - 21

**Hymns**

- 1. **63** Of the Father's love begotten
- 2. **44** Angels from the realms of glory
- 3. **41** A great and mighty wonder
- Communion** 74 What child is this
- 4. **81** Lord for the years

**Choir Anthem -** Berlioz  
The Shepherds' farewell

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

Please note the there is  
**no Evening Service today.**

**Collect**

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; 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, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; 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

### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>

10.15 am Little Fishes Parish Centre  
11.00 am Holy Communion Church

### Friday 5<sup>th</sup>

10.00 am Library Social Club C/K Library

### Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>

9.00 am - 11.00 am Holy Dusters - church cleaning

### Service next Sunday - 7th January The Epiphany

8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.00 am All Age Communion  
5.30 pm Choral Evensong

**Advent and Christmas at St. Mary's - A big thank you to everyone.** During Advent and at Christmas we have truly celebrated the waiting for, and the birth of Jesus, with some wonderful services, and our church has looked beautifully festive. All this was possible because of the help and support you all gave. So thank you to all of you - to John and the choir and additional singers for two lovely Carol Services: to those who throughout the year cleaned our church: to Hilda and her dedicated band of bell ringers: to those who made Christingles: to Colin and Jenny our church wardens, and the welcomers: to Margaret and her team of flower arrangers. We owe special thanks to Derrick Walker and Pete Aylott always in the background, setting up for services, clearing away, changing altar frontals and countless other tasks that keep St. Mary's running smoothly. And then there's Tracy in the Office, those who put out the Memorial candles, David and Peter who put services on power point and run the projection equipment, and those who set up the crib scene for the two Crib Services, and those who put staging up and down. Thank you too to those who helped local school children experience the Christmas story in Advent, or took Communion to people in their homes, read Lessons in church or lead our intercessions or assisted with the Communion. Far from last are those who erected our wonderful Christmas tree, filled with light ... oh and Margaret Hardy and her husband who repaired one of the Kings after he fell off his camel! And most importantly, a sincere thank you to everyone who joined us in worship. I'm sure Graham and Erika, like me, feel very privileged to be part of our Church Community - more, part of God's family here at St. Mary's. God bless you all.

**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](mailto:jean.huckett@talktalk.net) for more information.

**Nine Lessons and Carols.** A massive thanks to all of you who joined the St Mary's Festival Chorus for the Nine Lessons and Carols. It was wonderful to have so many of you joining with our regular choir. A heartfelt thanks to them too! John Clift.

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.