

**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, among them Anthony Hird. We also remember David Roberts, David Stephens, Stanley Jeff and Michelle Grainger whose year's mind falls at this time, 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  
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## St Mary's Church, Charlton Kings

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024 - The Feast of The Epiphany

### A happy, healthy and Holy New Year 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

#### 8.00 am Holy Communion

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

#### 10:00am Parish Communion

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

**Readings:** Isaiah 60. 1 - 6  
Ephesians 3. 1 - 12  
Matthew 2. 1 - 12

#### Hymns

1. **91** We three Kings of Orient are
2. The Virgin Mary had a baby boy
3. **68** See him lying on a bed of straw
- Communion 55** In the bleak mid-winter
4. Come and join the celebration

#### Choir Anthem - Ian Higginson

Love came down at Christmas

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

#### 5.30 pm Choral Evensong

Officiant: Rev'd Graham Bowkett

### Collect

O God,  
who by the leading of a star  
manifested your only Son to the  
peoples of the earth:  
mercifully grant that we,  
who know you now by faith,  
may at last behold your glory face to  
face;  
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

Lord God,  
the bright splendour whom the  
nations seek:  
may we who with the wise men have  
been drawn by your light  
discern the glory of your presence in  
your Son,  
the Word made flesh, 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 8<sup>th</sup>

2.30 pm Mothers' Union Corporate Communion Church  
 7.30 pm Choir Practice Church

### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>

9.00 am Morning Prayer (No MU Corporate Communion)  
 3.00 pm Funeral of Anthony Hird Church

### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>

10.15 am Little Fishes Parish Centre  
 10.30 am Open The Book Glenfall School  
 11.00 am Holy Communion Church

### Friday 12<sup>th</sup>

9.30 am Flower arrangers Church

### Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>

9.00 am - 11.00 am Holy Dusters - church cleaning

**Service next Sunday - 14th January**

**The Second Sunday of Epiphany**

8.00 am Holy Communion  
 10.00 am Parish Communion  
 5.30 pm Taize Style Service

**A thank you from Sandra Jeans.** "Thank you for the regular Pew Sheets which keep us in touch with activity and local events. We would also like to record our thanks to those who organise the streaming of Services, which keep not only local people in touch but which also mean anybody worldwide may be part of the Service on-line.

Before the start of the Christmas period, we produced a video called '**The Journey**' as part of joint activity between the Charlton Kings Community Players and the Cheltenham United Reformed Church. This is attracting viewing numbers as people are copying the link around friends and around the world. If you have not seen it, the link is <https://youtu.be/-uqul9tR8PA>

The video is on the CKCP YouTube channel. The narrator is a member of the Charlton Kings Junior School 'Open the Book' team.

Whilst the Covid pandemic has caused much change and disruption, one of the good outcomes has to be the streaming arrangements provided by many churches, which bring comfort for those who cannot attend church in person for a variety of reasons. Best wishes to all at St. Mary's."

**Mothers' Union** meets tomorrow afternoon at 2.30 pm in church. As we do every January, we begin the New Year with a Communion Service. Graham will be presiding. During the service, two new members will be admitted. Tea afterwards. If you're interested to see what we get up to, and maybe joining, do come along.

**Christmas Flowers.** Thank you so much to everyone who made donations towards the cost of decking our church with festive arrangements. The flowers have looked beautiful, and we have all benefitted from your generosity. Margaret Walker.

**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.

**Foodbank items needed.** Soup tins or packets, instant mash, instant noodles, instant rice, savoury snacks, toilet rolls, washing up liquid, washing powder or capsules, tinned hot & cold meats, biscuits, chocolate/sweets, deserts hot or cold - cans & packets, tins of fruit, vegetable, tomatoes, baked beans, rice, nappies size 6 & 7, baby wipes, baby food jars or packets. All toiletries, toothbrushes, deodorant.

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.