

Please pray for: Those who are sick or frail including Colin Johnson, Sandra Johnson, and Lynne and Gordon Wenham. The family and friends of those who died recently, among them Joan Mills and Poppy Partlett. We also remember Michael Berry, Rosemary Godwin, Jack Davitt and Bernard Fullerton 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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Gloucester Scouts Christmas Quiz.
 Thank you to everyone who supported this fund raising effort. The winner of the Quiz is David Jackman, who out of 100 questions got 93 correct answers. Congratulations David!

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 18th February 2024 - First Sunday of Lent

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 Breaking of Bread
 President: Rev'd Graham Bowkett
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Readings: Genesis 9. 8 - 17
 1 Peter 3. 18 - 22
 Mark 1. 9 - 15

Hymns
 1. **95** Forty days and forty nights
 2. **532** O for a closer walk with God
 3. As the deer pants for the water
 Communion: **221** One bread, one body
 4. **496** Lead us, Heavenly Father, lead us

Choir anthem - Bernadette Farrell
 O God you search me and you know me

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

5.30 pm Taize Style Worship
 Officiant: Erika Fletcher

Collect
 Almighty God,
 whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
 and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
 give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
 and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save;
 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, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;
 by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love:
 teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,
 and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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 19th
 7.30 pm Choir Practice Church

Tuesday 20th
 7.30 pm Bell Ringers' Practice Bell Tower

Wednesday 21st
 12 noon Open The Book C/K Junior School

Thursday 22nd
 10.15 am Little Fishes Parish Centre
 10.30 am Open The Book Glenfall School
 11.00 am Holy Communion Church
 12.15 pm - 1.30 pm Lenten Lunch Parish Centre

Friday 23rd
 7.30 pm Lent Course - based on the film "The Way" Parish Centre

Services next Sunday - 25th February

The Second Sunday of Lent

8.00 am Holy Communion
 10.00 am Parish Communion
 5.30 pm Compline (no choir)

BARN DANCE. St Mary's and Baptist Church Barn Dance will be held at the Charlton Kings Baptist Church Hall on Saturday 16th March starting at 7.30. Music will be provided by the local band 'Puzzlejug'. Tickets cost £15.00 including a buffet supper, (bring your own drinks) and are available from Peter Lidgard or Bethany Revell after Sunday's 10.00 am service - cash only please. We only have 30 tickets.

Women's World Day of Prayer is on Friday March 1st at 2.30pm at Highbury Congregational Church, Cheltenham, GL52 6DU. This year's theme - From daybreak in Samoa, to daybreak 24 hours later, in American Samoa! Men welcome too!

Watch and Pray is the Church of England's theme for Lent 2024, with reflections for each day of Lent, from Ash Wednesday to Easter Day. The **free app** for phones and tablets contains 40 daily reflections (Monday to Saturday) both for adults and for families with children, encouraging us to wait in hope for God to meet and sustain us. Why not download the app this Lent? Automatically deleted after Easter.

Lent Course. This is on six consecutive Friday evenings at 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre, until 22nd March. The course is based on the film "The Way" which we began in 2020 but never completed because of Covid. The book to accompany the course is "The Long Road To Heaven" by Tim Heaton. All are welcome, to some or all of the sessions. The Course is being led by Graham our vicar.

Lenten Lunches are being served in the Parish Centre from 12.15 pm to 1.30 pm each Thursday. All welcome. Two types of home made soup, fresh bread, a piece of fruit and tea or coffee - £5.00. For more details speak to Jenny.

On Saturday 24th February at 7.00 pm there is to be a Memorial Concert for **Gilbert Biberian** at St. Andrew's Church. Speak to Sylvia Fry for more details.

Holy Week - Stainer's Crucifixion. As part of our Easter worship this year in Holy Week, on Tuesday 26th March, the St Mary's Festival Chorus will be performing Stainer's Crucifixion. There will be three Monday rehearsals - 4th, 11th and 18th March to begin at 7.45pm and end at 9.00pm. If you would like to join us for this exciting event, please email me at organiststmarys@gmail.com or speak to me after a service. More details to follow and please invite your singing friends. John Clift.

A night at the opera by candlelight, Gloucester Cathedral Friday 1st March 7.30pm
 London Concertante presents an evening at the opera with an array of opera arias and overtures, performing works from Puccini, Verdi, Rossini, and Mozart.
[gloucestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on/a-night-at-the-opera-1-march-24](https://www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on/a-night-at-the-opera-1-march-24)

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.