

Upcoming dates for your diary *(details below)***Christingle Family Praise service****Sun 7th Dec 10am****Advent midweek Communion & Advent lunches****Weds 3rd, 10th & 17th Dec****Charlton Larks choir, Christmas concert****Weds 17th Dec 10am****Coffee & Cake Concert: Langton Brass @ Christmas****Saturday 20th Dec**

Christmas services**Sun 21st Dec** 10am
6pm*'Getting ready for Christmas' – an All-Age Morning Service
Traditional Carols by candlelight
Mince pies and mulled wine afterwards***Christmas Eve** 3pm
11.15pm*Crib service for all the family
Midnight Communion***Christmas Day** 10am*Communion Service for all the family***Sun 28th Dec** 10am*Christmas Family Communion Service
(No live wires Sunday School)***Sun 4th Jan** 10am*Epiphany Family Praise**All Age Service to celebrate the arrival of three Kings*

Midweek Advent Communion at St. Mary's*Wednesdays 3rd, 10th & 17th December: 12.00 midday Communion Service.**And at 12.45pm a Light Lunch with soup, rolls, cheese, biscuits & fruit.**You are warmly invited to join us for the service or lunch or both, as we celebrate this special time of year together.**For further information contact: hello@stmaryschartham.org or 07754476439.*

Charlton Larks choir, Christmas concert on Wednesday 17th Dec at 10am

This choir, led by Emily Renshaw-Kidd, gather in our church regularly on Wednesday mornings and will once again be showcasing the music on which they have been working. Judging by last Christmas' concert this will be well worth attending.

Carols on the Green - Saturday 13th Dec at 6pm

we are invited to join in singing carols and festive songs around the Christmas tree on the Green, on This will be followed by mulled wine, mince pies, gingerbread and squash. Please remember to bring a torch.

Coffee & cake concert on Saturday 20th December

Our Coffee & Cake concerts continue in December with **Langton Brass @ Christmas**. 10.15 for Coffee & Cake then the concert is at 11am.

Collects and readings

7th Dec Christingle Family Praise

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ
comes again as judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.

John 1:1-5

14th Dec: Holy Communion

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare
the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Isaiah 35:1-10 & Matthew 11:2-11
