



NOTE: All services are broadcast live on Facebook*

*Please see a Welcomer or Church Warden for advice on where to sit to avoid the camera

Readings: Jeremiah 33.14–16, Psalm 24, I Thessalonians 3.9–end, Luke 21.25–36

1030 Joint Service with Holy Communion by Extension

Officiant: David T
Churchwarden: Bill S
Musicians: Simon, Choir and Singers
Readers: Ruth B
Intercessor: Lynn J
Chalice: Judith R
Welcomers: Lynn J, Ann D
Power Point: David D
Children's Groups: Nikki and Claire

Music: 46 Be patient, be ready, 503 These are the days, 3 (NEH) Come, thou long-expected Jesus, 7 (NEH) Hills of the North, rejoice

Anthem: Adam lay ybounden - Warlock

1700 Advent Procession at St Mary's

All are welcome to join us as we begin Advent with this candle lit service with other Christians from across Potters Bar.

This is a very atmospheric service of Advent carols, hymns and readings, starting in darkness and ending with the church ablaze with light. The service should last just over an hour and light refreshments (tea, coffee and biscuits) will be available afterwards.

Readings for Sunday I December Advent I

Advent I Patriarchs

Lord Jesus, light of the world,
born in David's city of Bethlehem,
born like him to be a king:
be born in our hearts at Christmas,
be King of our lives today.

Collect

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Jeremiah 33.14–16

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Psalm 24

Response: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me,
for you are God my saviour.

Response: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path,
he teaches his way to the poor.

Response: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

His ways are faithfulness and truth
for those who keep his covenant and will.
The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him;
to them he reveals his covenant.

Response: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

I Thessalonians 3.9–end

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Luke 21.25–36

²⁵There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

²⁷Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

²⁹Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

Post Communion

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christmas Fayre 2024

Saturday 30 November 11am-2.30pm

THIS WEEKEND



Needed:

1. **VOLUNTEERS** to help run stalls and give stallholders a break – please sign up if you haven't already.
2. **DONATIONS** – needed for all stalls - New or Good Condition pre-loved (and clean please) – please take a 'donations needed list' from the back of church as an aide-memoire.
Particularly needed are Toiletries & Gifts, Bottles (of any kind) and Chocolate for the Tombolas, Plants (have you grown any cuttings?), Home-made Cakes and Biscuits and Preserves. Please ask friends, neighbours, your local shop etc (vouchers always gratefully received especially for the Raffle – its good publicity for shops).
3. **RAFFLE PRIZES** – including items for the Hamper for 1st Prize – Pls see list to sign. We will be selling raffle tickets at the café, Charlies Angels and on Sundays.
4. **TAKE A POSTER** – Please take a poster for your window and some flyers to invite your friends/neighbours to come and join us – it's always a great community day.

PLEASE SEE LIST OF VARIOUS STALLS AT THE BACK OF CHURCH - Please note we will not be having a Bric-A-Brac Stall this year.

Please talk to Maureen/David/Jenny/Lynn if you have any queries (Maureen 07747607842)

Advent 2024

Follow the Star: Calm and Bright

December can feel like chaos – lots of social events, services, Christmas presents to buy, never-ending to-do lists and the pressure to create the perfect Christmas. But in the midst of this chaos, our churches can offer an opportunity to find peace during this busy time. The Church of England's theme for Advent and Christmas 2024, **Follow the Star: Calm and Bright**, draws on the world-famous carol, Silent Night:



*“Silent Night! Holy Night!
All is calm, all is bright...”*

One of the reasons that this carol is so universally loved is the way it invites us into the still centre of the Christmas story, to contemplate Mary holding the new-born Jesus, the Light of the World.

The angelic messages we encounter in the biblical story of Jesus’ birth typically hold together the need for calm in the present (“Do not be afraid” ... “Fear not”) with the hope of a bright future (“for you have found favour with God” ... “for behold I bring you tidings of great joy”).

Throughout Advent, we will focus primarily on how to find **Calm** during this busy period, with reflections offering people a chance to pause during the busy season and tips on how to prepare for a calm Christmas.

Then through Christmas, we will focus particularly on **Bright**, with a series of daily reflections from Christmas Day to the Eve of Epiphany (5 January) by Sammi Tooze, Discipleship Adviser for the Diocese of York, both in digital form and as a [full-colour booklet](#) to share locally.

We will also share reflective content throughout Advent and Christmas for those who find this time of year difficult, with some Blue Christmas resources.

For more information and the link for the reflections go to:

[Follow the Star: Calm and Bright | The Church of England](#)

Dates for your diary and for prayer

Tuesday morning

1000 Eucharist

Wednesday morning

Please take a few minutes to pray for our community

Saturday 30 November

1100-1430 KCM Christmas Fayre

Sunday 1 December

1700 Advent procession at St Mary's

Tuesday 3 December

Holy Communion with Father Ayoob

Saturday 7 December

0830 Churches Together Breakfast Prayers at St Giles Church, Blanche Lane, South Mimms EN6 3PE

1500 Discover Christmas, hosted by Churches Together, at St Johns Methodist Church, Baker Street.

Sunday 8 December

1500 Messy Christingle

Tuesday 10 December

Holy Communion with Father Ayoob

Sunday 15 December

1600 Lessons and Carols service at KCM

Wednesday 17 December

1430 Lesson and Carols at Temple Court



Churches Together in Potters Bar present

Discover Christmas

Saturday 7 December 3pm

A family Christmas Journey with craft, drama and carols.

At St John's Methodist Church,
Baker Street, EN6 2DZ

All are welcome

It is free but please let us know you are coming by booking at

www.pottersbarchurchesholidayclub.co.uk

**Please note, all children must be accompanied by an adult who will be responsible for them for the duration and can assist them with the activities running.*



Churches Together in Potters Bar is a fellowship of Christians of different denominations who join together to proclaim the Christian Gospel.

Prayer – Week beginning 1 December

We invite you to pray on a Wednesday morning, no matter where you are, for our community, our town and the wellbeing of all.

Please pray for ALL members of our community, especially: for those who work in our local shops and supermarkets at this busy time of year

Those who live in: Aberdale Gardens, Allandale Crescent, The Approach

The recently departed: Ethel 'Nibby' Betts, Shona Williams and all who have died recently.

Anniversary of death: Margaret Old, David Simpson, Reg Lansdowne and all whose anniversary falls at this time.

If you or someone you know is in need of prayer please contact the ministry team to have a chat or ask to speak to one of the pastoral team who will be happy to support you. The prayer list is published each week. **The list is being reviewed, if your name, or the name of a loved one is on the list, please let us know you would like it to remain.**

People can be added, moved or removed as required. If you are not on the list and would like to be added, or if you or a loved one are, but feel that this is no longer needed, please do let the clergy know.

In line with the Parish Prayer Policy, please ensure that you have permission from the person whose name you wish to add to the list.

Please email any requests for names to be added to the office (office@kcm-church.org.uk) no later than 5pm on a Wednesday.

If you wish to see a copy of the Parish Prayer Policy then please contact the office.

Potters Bar Food Bank

The food bank is in need of

non perishable food, toiletries and home cleaning products.

The collection boxes are in the Link corridor outside the office. Access to the foodbank is by referral, please speak to local clergy in confidence.

Please give generously

Coming up in church and on Facebook

Sunday 8 December

Advent 2

Readings: Baruch 5 OR Malachi 3.1-4, Cantic: Benedictus, Philippians 1.3-11, Luke 3.1-6

0930 Sung Eucharist

Officiant: Father Ayooob
Churchwarden: Bill S
Musicians: Simon and Choir
Readers: Brenda W
Intercessor: Sue T
Chalice: David T
Welcomers: Jean B

Music: 5 Hark! A herald voice is calling, 12 On Jordon's bank the Baptist's cry, 408 Love Divine, all loves excelling

Anthem: Come, thou long expected Jesus - Ley

1100 Morning Worship

Officiant: Father Ayooob
Churchwarden: Phil T
Musicians: Simon and singers
Readers: Gary D
Intercessor: Elaine H
Welcomers: David H, Sue T
Power Point: David H

Music: 439 Restore, O Lord, 436 Purify my heart, 148 Hear, O Lord, our cry, 268 I will seek your face, 189 How lovely on the mountains, 399 O Lord, the clouds are gathering

1600 Messy Church Christingle

Officiant: Richard Osborne

NOTICES

Crib Services. On Wednesday 4th December we have Cranborne School nursery and reception classes coming into the church for their crib services. The nursery class will be coming in the morning around 9.30am, and the 2 reception classes in the afternoon around 1pm (timings to be confirmed). Fr Ayoob will be leading the services, but he will need some help on the day with putting mats down for the children to sit on, providing refreshments (Squash, tea/coffee and biscuits) after the service, and any tidying up that needs doing.

Ideally if Fr Ayoob could have 2 people to help out in the morning and then 2 people in the afternoon, that would be fantastic. Please do let us know if you are able to help on the day.

Senior Citizens Winter Concert. Mount Grace School are holding a concert on Thursday 12 December 11.30am-1pm. There will be food, drink and music! Please RSVP to 6thform@mountgrace.herts.sch.uk

The Christmas services leaflets have been published. The information is on our website, and on [King Charles the Martyr - A Church Near You](#) Please do think about **who you will invite to church** this Advent and Christmas. People want to be invited, and many will only come if they are asked! A warm welcome to KCM starts outside the building with an invitation to come and hear the good news.

Carol singing at Temple Court Wednesday 17 December at 1430. All are welcome to join us as we take a short service of carols and readings to our friends at Temple Court. Followed by tea and cake. Please let Father Ayoob know if you will be coming along. All are welcome

Eco Tip – Christmas Crackers

You can **make your own Christmas crackers** – as well as being fun to make and saving money; you'll be saving on the packaging that crackers come in and saving on some of the pointless plastic tat that some crackers use as the gifts.



How to access services at KCM

Sunday mornings go to the church website www.kcm-church.org.uk and click on the link on that page it will take you to Facebook where you will be able to click on the LIVE streaming or watch the services from previous weeks.

If you are in church, please be aware that services are live streamed and that you may like to sit nearer the back if you do not wish to be on camera.

Supporting the work and mission of this church

The Church of King Charles the Martyr provides a spiritual focus and outstanding facilities for the local community. It is **OUR** church and like all charities is dependent on the generosity of its members, the local community, and others to make it prosper.

The church and halls cost us over **£3000 a week** to run and this isn't possible without your generosity.

*If you would like to support the work of the Church of King Charles the Martyr, you can do this either as a one off or by joining our regular giving scheme please speak to our Treasurer to set up **regular giving** to help us plan*

- by joining the Parish Giving Scheme [Potters Bar King Charles - Parish Giving Scheme](#)
- with the **cashless giving machine in church or online** on our webpage.
- **Remember us in your Will.** Legacies are a tax efficient way of giving to the church. Please do think about us when making or revising your Will.

How to stay in touch

This notice sheet is posted on our website each week, emailed to all those on our mailing list and posted to those without email access. *If you would like to receive a paper copy of this notice sheet please contact the office.*

The Church office is staffed and open to the public 9am - 12noon Tuesday & Thursday. Please do call ahead to ensure that someone will be available to help you. Outside of these hours email and calls are monitored but please be aware it may take a few days for us to get back to you.

We have a **KCM Family WhatsApp** group for information about the church and a **KCM Jokes WhatsApp** group to share the more light hearted jokes – if



King Charles the
Martyr Church

Christingle



Join us for

Sunday 8th December

3 – 5pm

Theme: Christingle



Our activities include:

- Making a Christingle
- Nativity sticker books
- Advent prayer wheel
- Making Christmas decorations

A fun afternoon for toddlers and primary school aged children with activities, crafts, games, a short service with singing, and a light tea!

All are welcome!

All children must be accompanied by an adult who will be responsible for them for the duration.

Contact: families@kcm-church.org.uk