



Church of King Charles the Martyr
NOTICES
Sunday 16 November
Safeguarding Sunday



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

0930 Sung Eucharist

Officiant: Revd Emma-Jane Wilkinson
Churchwarden: Bill S
Musicians: Adrian P and Choir
Readers: Robert B
Intercessor: Helen S
Chalice: Maureen T
Welcomers: Steve J



Music: 372 He who would valiant be, Safeguarding Hymn (words on sheet), 385 Jesu, the very thought of thee, I cannot tell why he, whom angels worshipped (words on sheet)

Anthem: God be in my head – Rutter

1100 Morning Worship

Officiant: Revd Emma-Jane Wilkinson
Churchwarden: Phil T
Musicians: Singers
Readers: Peter S
Intercessor: Helen S
Welcomers: Jenny D, Ann D
Powerpoint: David D
Childrens Group: Emma K, Maureen T

Music: 29 As we are gathered, 297 Jesus, take me as I am, There is a hope, Safeguarding Hymn, Christ's is the world in which we move, In Christ alone,

Readings for Sunday 16 November Safeguarding Sunday

Collect

Loving God,
you keep us as the apple of your eye
and hide us under the shadow of your wings:
keep us watchful, yet caring,
trusting, yet ready to question,
that all who worship here may do so
in safety and in the knowledge of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord
who is alive and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Psalm 91 – *page 600*

James 2.14-26 – *page 1214*

1 John 3.16-24 – *page 1227*

Post Communion

God of peace,
we thank you that by sharing bread and wine,
we are more aware of your love for us and for all humanity.
Guide us when encountering those in distress,
loving as you love,
and being prompted to action.
May we share in keeping your precious ones safe and cared for.
In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord,

If you wish to follow the reading then please use one of the Bibles in the church.

Musings from the vicarage

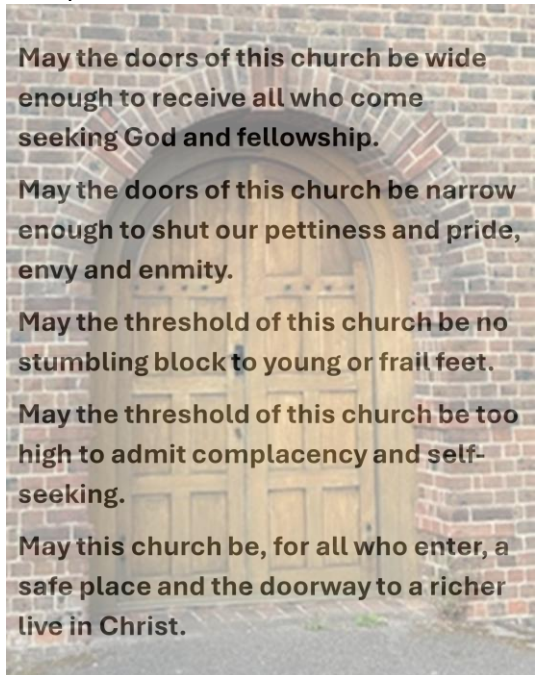
As you are hopefully aware, this Sunday we as a church are taking part in #SafeguardingSunday, a campaign organised by @thirtyoneeight and both our services will have safeguarding as their theme.

Safeguarding, as we know, is **everyone's responsibility** but we are very grateful to Helen Schmitz for being our Parish Safeguarding Officer. On Sunday she will be telling us a little more about what this role entails and what we can all do to support her in making our church a safe place for all.

Bishop Robert Exon, the chair of the CofE liturgical committee, who have put together many of the resources that we will use on Sunday, writes:

'In Matthew's Gospel Jesus tells his followers, 'You are the light of the world. A city set on a hilltop cannot be hidden' (Matthew 5. 14). Christians are called to be a transformative presence in society bringing light and hope to others. That includes being a beacon of good practice in the care and protection of children and vulnerable adults. As Jesus says uncompromisingly, 'If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were fastened around your neck and you were drowned in the depth of the sea' (Matthew 18.6).

The Church needs to be at the vanguard of fostering a change of culture across society. Safeguarding is at the forefront of public consciousness, and the Church needs to embody best practice in safeguarding in our network of parishes, schools and chaplaincies as part of our commitment to excellence in pastoral care. In recent years we have become acutely aware of the way in which historic incidents of abuse were sometimes hidden or even tolerated. There must be zero tolerance to such behaviour. As an organisation, it is vital that we keep people safe, repent and apologise for the wrongs of the past, and learn from our mistakes, including when we have added insult to injury by not responding well when people have disclosed abuse. We need to support survivors better and enable them to flourish.'



May the doors of this church be wide enough to receive all who come seeking God and fellowship.

May the doors of this church be narrow enough to shut our pettiness and pride, envy and enmity.

May the threshold of this church be no stumbling block to young or frail feet.

May the threshold of this church be too high to admit complacency and self-seeking.

May this church be, for all who enter, a safe place and the doorway to a richer life in Christ.

It is my prayer, that our church will do just that and be committed to taking action to protect vulnerable people from harm, so that we are a safe space for all, and I hope you join me in praying:

Dear God,

Help us to be a church that: Loves, welcomes, protects.

Listens, learns, serves.

Repents, restores, transforms.

Values, cares, believes.

God of Justice and compassion,

hear our prayer.

Help us, heal us, guide us, we pray.

In Jesus name.

Amen.

Dates for your diary and for prayer

Each week our worship follows this pattern

Tuesday morning

1000 Eucharist

Wednesday morning

Please take a few minutes to pray for our community

Sunday morning

0930 Sung Eucharist; 1100 Morning Worship

Saturday 22 November

1400-1630 Explore Cursillo Afternoon

Sunday 23 November

1100 Café Church

Tuesday 25 November

PLEASE NOTE communion will be at 1100 today

Saturday 29 November

1100 – 1400 Christmas Fayre

Sunday 30 November

1700 Advent Procession at St Mary's Church.

Saturday 6 December

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

CHRISTMAS FAYRE 2025

The countdown has begun!



Our Christmas Fayre is only 2 weeks away and Kevin the Carrot has been checking out the kitchen in preparation for the cafe on the day. He is very excited about turkey sandwiches and wonders if he will ask the cafe team to provide the spread for his up-coming wedding to Katy!

Thank you to everyone who has offered to help and donated items to sell but we still need more.

Just to remind you, we need:

- **Chocolate and bottles** for the tombola
- **Toiletries, Gifts and Christmassy bits** that can be sold on stalls
- **Preserves, home-made cakes and biscuits** for the cake stall (these will need to be bought to church on the morning of the fayre)
- **Raffle prizes and donations** for the Christmas hampers

Boxes are in the link for your donations which are accessible at any time the halls are open – thank you

We also need

POSTERS TO BE DELIVERED to local shops, GP surgeries, library etc. These are available at the back of church.

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.

PEOPLE TO HELP SET UP THE HALL – see next week's notice sheet for exact times.

EVERYONE TO COME AND SUPPORT

Please talk to the stall holder or Maureen/Jenny/Lynn/John/Helen/Ruth if you have any queries (Maureen 07747607842)



Let's all help to make this Fayre a great success.

Prayer – Week beginning 16 November

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 who have felt let down by the church in the past and those who have been, or who are currently being, abused. Ask God to help us to be a church who accepts the invitation from Jesus to protect others and seek justice for those who have been harmed. Pray also for COP30 taking place in Belém, Brazil from 10 to 21 November.

Those who live in: Ranworth Gardens, Oulton Crescent, Pinewood Drive

The recently departed and any others known to us personally.

Anniversary of death: Jack Jones, Brenda Connah 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 Revd Emma or the Office 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.

Coming up in church and on Facebook

Sunday 23 November – Christ the King

Readings: Jeremiah 23.1–6, Psalm 46, Colossians 1.11–20, Luke 23.33–43

0930 Sung Eucharist

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Welcomers: Jean B

Music: 332 All hail the power of Jesu's name (omit * verses), 379 In the Cross of Christ I glory, 465 Thou didst leave thy throne, 443 Rejoice, the Lord is King

Anthem: Above all praise - Mendelssohn

1100 Café Church

Officiant: David T
Churchwarden: Phil T
Musicians: Simon and Singers
Readers: Lauren T
Intercessor: Gary D
Welcomers: David H, Sue T



Enjoy coffee and pastries while we explore together the basics of Christianity. You will be made very welcome – whatever your background or beliefs.

Sunday 23rd November
KCM Church Main Hall 10.45



Christmas Leaflet Drop Thank you to everyone who has offered to deliver our Christmas leaflets. They are on order and should be here very soon. I will leave them labelled at the back of church, so please go in at any time and pick up the bundles for the roads you need. On Saturday 22nd January, please join me at 9:00 in the church for Morning Prayer as we pray specifically for this leaflet drop, that it will make people in our neighbourhood know we are here and want to come and join us over the Christmas season

EVERYONE TO COME AND SUPPORT

NOTICES



Remembrance Sunday. A very poignant day and moving day here at KCM, remembering, at various different services. Some highlights for me were seeing the children at Messy Church holding their poppies and lanterns and keeping the silence, hearing Nimrod expertly played and echoing around the church building, watching candles burn whilst listening to Make me a channel of

your peace, the beautiful anthem the choir sang and our young people leading the commitment to peace. Thank you to everyone who made today possible. #wewillrememberthem

MAPPA. The MAPPA for December was emailed out last week. Thank you to those who have already emailed with what they can or can't do. Please do check sooner rather than later, that you are able to do the tasks you have been allocated. If you are unavailable to make your allotted day, then please will you arrange to swap with someone else and then let Imogen know by email as she is not part of the WhatsApp group. If you have not received the MAPPA and were expecting to, then please let Imogen know. Spare copies are available at the back of the church.

Readers for Carol Service. Would you like to read at our Carol Service on Sunday 14 December? Anyone is welcome, whether you have read in church before or are a first timer! Please let Revd Emma know if you are interested. We need 7 more volunteers. Thank you

Real Advent Calendars. We have a box of Real Advent Calendars for sale. They are £5 each and come with a 24 page Christmas story activity book. Please speak to Steve Jones if you would like to purchase any.





Parish Giving Scheme – if you are already part of the Parish Giving Scheme, you will have received an email from them this week about the new digital giving platform which is now live and ready to use, and the fact that you may hear from your bank about a change in the name for the direct debit. If you have any queries about this please speak to Steve, our treasurer. If you are not part of the Parish Giving Scheme, please consider joining it as giving is an important

part of discipleship and also a way of feeling that you belong to the church. Regular giving helps us as a church plan ahead and helps us to grow God's kingdom in this place. For more information, please speak to Steve or Revd Emma or, alternatively, visit the website: [Potters Bar King Charles - Parish Giving Scheme](#)



Key Register – we are in the process of updating our key register for insurance purposes. If you have **ANY KEYS** to doors in the church, please could you make a list of them and email or hand that list to either Bill or Revd Emma. It is vitally important that our list is up-to-date, and it does not mean that we

will be taking keys away from people! If the list is not maintained, it can become very costly as locks may need to be changed. Many thanks.

Advent Course: Advent Course: I am hoping to run a four-week Advent course this year, meeting in the vicarage, offering both a daytime and an evening course using Bishop Guli's new Advent book, 'Listening to the music of the soul'. Each session will be stand alone and so you do not have to commit to them all. If this is something that you would be interested in joining, please let me know preferably either by whatsapp or email, stating your preferred time and day.





2026 Churches together in Potters Bar Holiday Club: 27 – 31 July 2026 at KCM. In order for the Holiday Club to happen we need lots of volunteers. Attached to this notice sheet and also at the back of church are forms for you to complete and return either by email to pottersbar@rcdow.org.uk or a paper copy to Revd Emma by 7 December.

This is such an important venture, and a way to support our community and share the good news of the gospel. There are lots of different roles for which we need volunteers, and you do not have to be available for the whole week so please don't hold back. Let's together make this happen.



Trip to Edinburgh for the Annual commemoration of the martyrdom of King Charles I. A group from KCM are planning to attend this service in Edinburgh on Tuesday 27 January, travelling up by train and staying overnight in a travel lodge before returning the following afternoon. If you would like to join us, potential cost between £100 - £150, plus meals, please let Bill know by **SUNDAY** as we need to book to secure prices.

Eco Tip 2 Before Advent: In the midst of COP30, taking place on the edge of the Amazon Rainforest, try and have a few conversations with people about the importance of reducing CO2 levels, locally and internationally, trying to prevent further increasingly dangerous rises in global temperatures and extreme weather patterns.

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 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.

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 Monday and 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 Social WhatsApp** group to share the more lighthearted social chat – if you would like to join these groups please contact Revd Emma or the wardens to be added.

Keep an eye on our social media

YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbHtNFKZaN7fHV1kIL2tYUQ>

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/KCMChurchPottersBar/>

Please send information for this notice sheet to Imogen at office@kcm-church.org.uk by 5pm Wednesday evening.

In case of pastoral need, please contact Revd Emma.

Contact details:

The Vicar **Revd Emma-Jane Wilkinson** **Rest Day:**
Friday
01707 661266 / 07549516589 vicar@

Please email the relevant person and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

All email addresses are xxx@kcm-church.org.uk

Lay Minister / Reader	David Thomson	reader@
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Church Warden	Bill Simpson	churchwarden2@
Safeguarding Officer	Helen Schmitz	safeguarding@
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PCC Secretary	Nicola Thrussell	pccsecretary@
Treasurer	Steve Jones	treasurer@
Children and Families Worker	Vacant	families@
Youth Worker	Vacant	youth@
Music	Simon Worley	music@

**For all hall enquires please email Imogen or Nikki using the halls address (halls@....) and they will respond as soon as they can.
www.kcm-church.org.uk 01707 665579**



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