



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

During this service, Ivy will be formally inducted into the choir and receive her robes and medal. Please come along and support her.

Officiant: Revd Emma-Jane Wilkinson
Churchwarden: Bill S
Musicians: Simon and Choir
Readers: Judith R
Intercessor: Jean B
Chalice:
Welcomers: Lynn J

Music: 15 The Lord will come and not be slow. 366 God of mercy, God of grace, 16 Wake, O wake! With tidings thrilling, 14 The advent of our God

Anthem: Advent Prose

1100 Morning Worship

Officiant: Revd Emma-Jane Wilkinson
Churchwarden: Phil T
Musicians: Simon and Singers
Readers: Phil T
Intercessor: Terry H
Welcomers: Maggie B, Ro A
Powerpoint: David H

Music: 46 Be patient, be ready, 89 Faithful One, 148 Hear, O Lord, our cry, 136 Great is the darkness, 22 And He shall reign, 443 Salvation belongs to our God, Light of the World

1700 Advent Procession at St Mary's Church

We are all invited to join in the Advent Procession at St Mary's Church. This is an atmospheric service of seasonal hymns, readings and music – from darkness to light. A great way to being Advent worshiping with members of other churches in our town.

Readings for Sunday 30 November

Advent Sunday

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

Isaiah 2.1–5 – page 686

Psalm 122 – page 622

Romans 13.11–end – page 1140

Matthew 24.36–44 – page 994

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.

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

Musings from the vicarage

Do you ever have weeks where lots of things come together, and it feels as if God is trying to tell you something? Well, I have had one of those weeks and so I thought I would share it with you!

As you know, Advent begins this Sunday and it a time when we prepare, not just for the perfect Christmas day with all the trimmings, but for the coming of Jesus both as a baby and when he comes again in glory.



As I was preparing for our communion service on Tuesday, I found that it was the day in the church calendar when we remembered Isaac Watts, the great hymn writer. I am sure we all have favourite hymns written by him, one of mine being the Christmas carol, Joy to the World. However, something I read, challenged me to think about it as an Advent carol, because it contains one of the most powerful lines of Advent preparation ever written, 'Let every heart prepare Him room'. I was challenged to consider where in

my life I needed to make room for Jesus this Advent because isn't that what advent is about, making room – room for Jesus?

Then on Tuesday evening, this challenge was further reinforced when I went to a Churches Together meeting. Adrian, the Baptist minister, read Psalm 43 which contains that beautiful verse, 'Be still and know that I am God', but in the version he read, it said, 'Let go and know that I am God'. I was struck, that making room in our hearts often means letting go of those things that we hold tightly too and that in preparing for Christ's coming there maybe things that I need to let go of so that when he comes, I recognise him, and know that he is God.

That first Christmas, so many of the characters had to let go of the familiar to look for a baby, which the 90 children from Cranborne School, who have been in church this week, did when they went on a Jesus hunt as we retold the Christmas story. As I heard them joining in with the words, *"We're going to find a baby, a very special baby, it's a beautiful day, we're not scared"*, it struck me that letting go and preparing our hearts for Christmas isn't scary, it's exciting as it means that we will be ready on Christmas day to find and welcome Jesus.



So this Advent, let's let go and prepare room in our worship, in our homes and most of all in the secret places of our hearts, so that when we sing Joy to the World on Christmas morning, our joy is complete and we can say, in the words of the hymn that we sang last Sunday (which incidentally wasn't written by Isaac Watts), 'Come to my heart, Lord Jesus, there is room in my heart for Thee'. **Revd Emma**

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 29 November	1100 – 1430 Christmas Fayre
Sunday 30 November	1700 Advent Procession at St Mary's Church
Wednesday 3 December	1930 PCC Meeting
Thursday 4 December	Church Cleaning in the morning
Saturday 6 December	0830 Churches Together Breakfast Prayers at St Giles Church, Blanche Lane, South Mimms EN6
Sunday 7 December	1700 Evensong
Wednesday 10 December	1330 Charlie's Angels Christmas Special
Sunday 14 December	1800 Lessons and Carols
Wednesday 17 December	Church Cleaning in the morning
Tuesday 23 December	Church Cleaning in the morning
Saturday 10 January	1400-1800 Epiphany Open House at the Vicarage

See our list of Save the Dates for other upcoming events and services

Potters Bar Food Bank

The food bank is in need of

non perishable food (including cooking oil, tinned meat and fish, tinned fruit), toiletries, laundry and washing detergent 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

CHRISTMAS FAYRE 2025

Thank you to everyone who is working so hard to make this happen and be a great success.



Kevin has been to Aldi and found some new friends



The final countdown has begun...

- 3** At 2000 on Thursday evening, come and help set up tables
- 2** Anytime on Friday, come to help to set up the stalls or to bring further items to sell
- 1** Early on Saturday morning, come to add the final touches to the stalls and bring cakes for the cake stall

Blast off

At 1100 on Saturday, bring friends and family and enjoy the Christmas Fayre together, helping to raise lots of money for our church and bringing joy to our community.

Eco Tip Advent 1: Why not visit one of many Christmas fayres (especially ours) in the coming weeks and buy local or home-made gifts, cutting out transport costs if you buy online, and giving a boost to your local community?

Safeguarding Awareness. We are going to put together a Safeguarding notice board at the back of church, part of which will be our Safeguarding Pledges that we all made recently. There is still time to put your pledge anonymously in the envelope at the back of church. Thank you to those who have already done this.

Prayer – Week beginning 30 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: our Christmas fayre, that it will be a great success and bring people into the church who may have not been in before and for all those who have received an invite to our Christmas services.

Those who live in: Sawyers Lane, SanTERS Lane. Sherwood Avenue

The recently departed and any others known to us personally.

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 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 7 December – Advent 2

Readings: Isaiah 11.1–10, Psalm 72.1–7, Romans 15.4–13, Matthew 3.1–12

0930 Sung Eucharist

Officiant: Revd Emma-Jane Wilkinson
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Intercessor: Lynn J
Chalice: Steve J
Welcomers: Jean B

Music: 12 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry, 5 Hark! A herald voice is calling, 127 (tune 114) To thee our God we fly, 10 Long ago, prophets knew

Anthem: Arise, shine, for thy light is come - Elvey

1100 Morning Worship with Communion

Officiant: Revd Emma-Jane Wilkinson
Churchwarden: Phil T
Musicians: Simon and Singers
Readers: Sue T
Intercessor: Emma K
Chalice: Maureen T
Welcomers: Jenny D, Ann D
Powerpoint: Nicola T
Childrens Groups: Claire D, Helen S

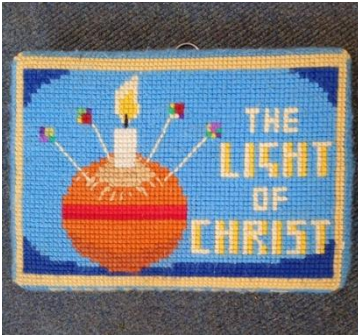
Music: 191 I am a new creation, 278 Jesus, God's righteousness revealed, 199 I cannot tell, 271 I worship you, 164 Here is love vast as the ocean, 368 My life is in you, Lord, 402 O Lord, your tenderness

1700 Said Evensong

Everyone is welcome to join Revd Emma for a reflective Advent evensong where we will be praying for all our Christmas services and activities.

NOTICES

Christmas Leaflet Drop. Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to deliver leaflets over this past week. There are still a few remaining, and they are on the windowsill in the link corridor if you feel you could deliver a few more!



Christingle Preparation. On Tuesday 9 December at 1100 after morning Communion, if you are free, come and join Revd Emma at the back of church for coffee and mince pies, whilst prepping Christingle bags for the Uniform Organisations service later in the week.

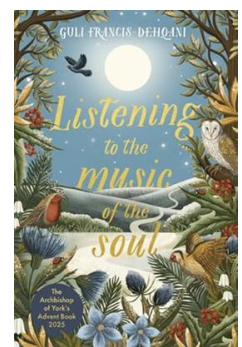
Real Advent Calendars. We have a box of Real Advent Calendars for sale. They are £5 each and come with a 24 page Christmas story activity book. Please speak to Steve Jones if you would like to purchase any.



Readers for Carol Service. Thank you to those that have volunteered to read at the Carol Service. We will be in touch soon with details of your reading to give to time to practice beforehand!

Advent Course: Advent Course: Our Advent courses, using Bishop Guli's new Advent Book, 'Listening to the music of the soul' continue this week at the following times:

Daytime 1030-1200	Evening 1930-2100
Monday 1 December Monday 8 December Monday 15 December	Thursday 4 December Thursday 11 December Monday 15 December Monday 22 December



Everyone is welcome whether you have signed up or not.

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.



2026 Churches together in Potters Bar Holiday Club: 27 – 31 July 2026 at KCM.

Thank you to those who have already returned your completed forms. There is still time to volunteer – please pick up a form at the back of church or the one attached to this notice sheet 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 will be attending this service in Edinburgh on Tuesday 27 January. However, everyone has the opportunity to join the service in London on Saturday 30th January where the Right Reverend Michael Beasley, Bishop of Bath and Wells (and former bishop of Hertford) will be preaching. More details soon, but see Lynn if you would be interested in finding out more. It would be great to have a good cohort from KCM at the service.

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/UCbHtNFKZaN7fHVIkIL2tYUQ>

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@
Church Warden	Phil Townsend	churchwarden1@
Church Warden	Bill Simpson	churchwarden2@
Safeguarding Officer	Helen Schmitz	safeguarding@
Admin Assistant	Imogen St Pierre	office@
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



@KCMChurchPottersBar

SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB – VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION

During the summer of 2024 the churches in Potters Bar ran a holiday club for children of primary school age in Potters Bar at Pope Paul School. Adult volunteers were joined by teenage helpers and the children had a fantastic time doing art and crafts, games, drama and music.

During 2026 we hope for the Holiday Club to run from 27th – 31st July inclusive at King Charles the Martyr Church and Halls on Mutton Lane. We will continue to work with Scripture Union to aid the facilitation of the Holiday Club, but will be using resources from 'Faith In Kids' with the theme 'Shipwrecked', based on the story of Jonah. We hope for registration for families to open in May 2026, but **this can only go ahead with sufficient volunteers**. If you cannot make the whole week you can still volunteer for some of the days.

Can you help with art and crafts, games, drama, music, catering or administration? Could you lead a team of young people going from activity to activity? Full training is given and the sessions are led by experienced volunteers. PLEASE REGISTER NOW.

Scripture Union handle all our DBS checks, risk assessments, advertising and insurance. Once you have registered your interest as a volunteer locally **using this form**, we will send you further information in the New Year.

Please register below, indicating what days you are available and what areas you would ideally like to support in and return this form to your church office OR pottersbar@rcdow.org.uk no later than **Sunday 7th December 2025**.

Name:

Contact Email:

Church:

What days are you available (please tick all that apply):

- ☐ Sunday 26th July 2026 (Afternoon Set-Up)
- ☐ Monday 27th July 2026 (8.30am – 2pm)
- ☐ Tuesday 28th July 2026 (8.30am – 2pm)
- ☐ Wednesday 29th July 2026 (8.30am – 2pm)
- ☐ Thursday 30th July 2026 (8.30am – 2pm)
- ☐ Friday 31st July 2026 (8.30am – 4pm to incl. BBQ and packing away)

What activities would you like to support with (please tick all that apply):

- ☐ Registration/ Administration
- ☐ Arts & Crafts
- ☐ Group Leadership
- ☐ Games
- ☐ Drama
- ☐ Music
- ☐ Catering