



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

THIS NOTICE SHEET COVERS 2 WEEKS – 21 and 28 December.

Please see the Christmas Services leaflet for details of our Christmas Services.



0930 Sung Eucharist

Officiant: Revd Phil Green with David T
 Churchwarden: Bill S
 Musicians: Simon and Choir
 Readers: Nicola T
 Intercessor: David T
 Chalice: Judith R
 Welcomers: Steve J

Music: 19 (omit * verses) Come, thou Redeemer of the earth, 3 Come thou long-expected Jesus, 185 Sing we of the blessed Mother, 188 (omit * verses) Ye who own the faith of Jesus

Anthem: Ave Maria – Arcadelt

1100 Morning Worship

Officiant: David T
 Churchwarden: Phil T
 Musicians: Simon and Singers
 Readers: Gary D
 Intercessor: Terry H
 Welcomers: Maggie B, Ro A
 Powerpoint: Gary D

Music: 363 My heart is full of admiration, 436 Purify my heart, 441 River wash over me, 459 Soften my heart, 469 teach me to dance, 219 Immanuel, Immanuel

Revd Emma is away for our services this morning as she is attending a service at her curacy church where a new chasuble will be dedicated in memory of Theresa Britt (Revd Bill Britt's wife) who sadly died last Christmas.

1500 Messy Christingle

Officiant: Revd Emma-Jane Wilkinson

Readings for Sunday 21 December Advent 4

Advent 4 Mary

Lord Jesus, light of the world,
blessed is Gabriel, who brought good news;
blessed is Mary, your mother and ours.
Bless your Church preparing for Christmas;
and bless us your children, who long for your coming.

Collect

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Isaiah 7.10–16 – page 692

Psalms 80.1–8, 18–20 – page 592

Romans 1.1–7 – page 1128

Matthew 1.18–end – page 965

Post Communion

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Sunday 28 December

1st Sunday of Christmas & Feast of the Holy Innocents

0930 Said Holy Communion

Officiant: Revd Emma-Jane Wilkinson
Churchwarden: Bill S
Readers: Sue T
Intercessor: Lynn J
Chalice: Robert B
Welcomer: Lynn J

1100 Café Church Christmas Special

Join us for a fun and relaxed Christmas service which will be followed by lunch. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church for the lunch, but please don't worry if you haven't signed up, there will be plenty of room at the inn!

Leader: David T
Churchwarden: Phil T
Readers: Emma K
Intercessor: Gary D
Welcomers: David H, Sue T

Readings for Sunday 28 December

1st Sunday of Christmas

Collect

Heavenly Father,
whose children suffered at the hands of Herod,
though they had done no wrong:
by the suffering of your Son
and by the innocence of our lives
frustrate all evil designs
and establish your reign of justice and peace;
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.

Jeremiah 31.15–17 – page 792

I Corinthians 1.26–29 – page 1145

Matthew 2.13–18 – page 966

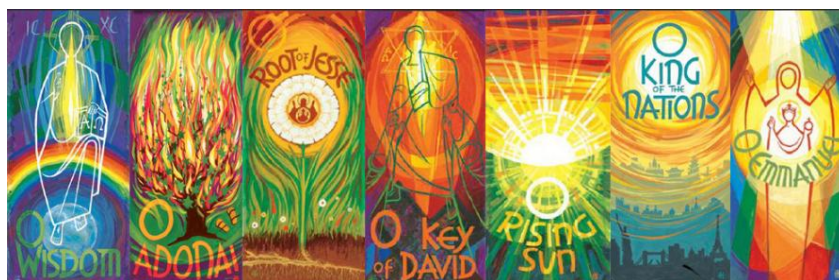
Post Communion

Lord Jesus Christ,
in your humility you have stooped to share our human life
with the most defenceless of your children:
may we who have received these gifts of your passion
rejoice in celebrating the witness of the Holy Innocents
to the purity of your sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross;
for you are alive and reign, now and for ever.

Musings from the vicarage

How are there only seven days to Christmas? They say time flies when you are having fun!

Since Medieval times, it has been traditional to sing the seven Great Advent songs, known as the 'O' Antiphons before the Magnificat (the song Mary sings as she gives thanks to God for the miraculous new life conceived within her) at Evensong for the seven days leading up to Christmas. These 'O' Antiphons are the seven titles which are given to Jesus in various prophecies in the book of Isaiah, and if you have been to Bethlehem, and entered the cave where it is traditionally believed Jesus was born, via the Door of Humility, you will have seen that these seven great titles are inscribed in Latin around the altar.

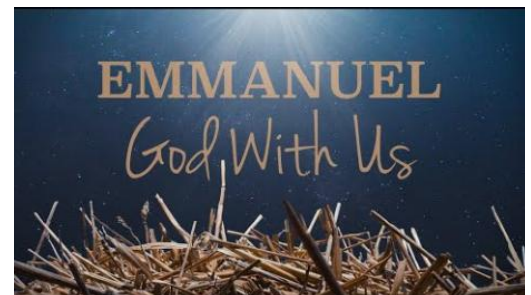


The first letters of the titles, from last to first, interestingly appear to form a Latin acrostic *Ero cras* meaning, 'Tomorrow I will be there' mirroring the theme of the antiphons

17 th December	O S apientia	O Wisdom
18 th December	O A donai	O Lord
19 th December	O R adix Jesse	O Root of Jesse
20 th December	O C lavis David	O Key of David
21 st December	O O riens	O Dayspring
22 nd December	O R ex Gentium	O King of the Nations
23 rd December	O E mmanuel	O With Us is God

I wonder as you read them, which one particularly captures your imagination or intrigues you to want to find out more. Mary and Joseph would have known of these seven messianic prophecies, probably being able to recite them by heart, and I wonder if they meditated on them as they journeyed to Bethlehem that first Christmas, a journey which would probably have taken about seven days, as they anticipated the birth of their child – a child who they knew was God's promised Messiah. You might like to let them also accompany you as we journey towards Christmas this year. One way to do this is by listening to one of my favourite Advent hymns (which I don't think I've actually sung at KCM this year) O Come O Come Emmanuel as the seven verses of this hymn are a direct rendering of the seven Great 'O' Antiphons. You can listen to a version of the hymn here: [Carols from King's 2016 | #7 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" | The Choir of King's College, Cambridge](#)

As we approach this Christmas season, it is my prayer that you will know Jesus to be all these things in your life, and especially that you will know that He is Emmanuel, God with you, whatever you are doing. As we enter 2026 together, let's pray that God will do a new thing in each of our lives and in the life of our Church.



A very happy and blessed Christmas to you all. **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 20 December	1700 Blue Christmas Service (a reflective service for those who find Christmas a difficult time of year)
Sunday 21 December	1500 Messy Christingle
Tuesday 23 December	Church Cleaning in the morning
Wednesday 24 December	1600 Crib Service; 2330 Midnight Mass
Thursday 25 December	0900 Said Communion Service; 1030 Family Communion
Sunday 28 December	1100 Café Church Christmas Special
Saturday 3 January	0830 Churches Together Morning Prayers at St John's Methodist, 47 Baker Street, Potters Bar EN6 2DZ
Saturday 10 January	1400-1800 Epiphany Open House at the Vicarage
Monday 12 January	David Burrows' funeral – timings TBC

The Café is closed for Christmas and will reopen on Thursday 15 January 2026

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who works so hard with the cafe week by week. It is fabulous, and not only such a gift for our community, but also raises money for charity. Over the past year, the cafe has made donations of £6000 to various local and national charities which is amazing and certainly puts KCM on the map! Here's to more cups of coffee, toasted sandwiches, jacket potatoes, shepherd's pie, ploughman's lunches etc in 2026!

Revd Emma

CHRISTMAS FAYRE 2025

All the monies have now been counted and we can reveal that the grand total for the fayre was £4300. This is fantastic. Thank you to everyone who helped make this possible by donating, helping on the day, or coming along and spending money! Here's to our next fundraising event. This week, we received a message from Kevin: 'I am settling in well to my new home and am looking forward Christmas! I wish everyone at KCM a very happy Christmas and look forward to new adventures in 2026.'



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

The food bank will be closed on 27 December and 3 January. It will reopen on 10 January.

Prayer – Weeks beginning 21 and 28 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: our Jewish friends throughout the world as they celebrate Hannukah, remembering especially all those who have lost loved ones or been injured or frightened by the tragic attacks on Bondi beach last weekend. Pray also that everyone who come to our various services over Christmas, including yourself, will experience the joy of the angels, the love of Mary and the peace of the Christ child.

Those who live in: Wellesley Crescent, Windmore Avenue, Wroxham Gardens

The recently departed David Burrows and any others known to us personally.

Anniversary of death: Freda Osgood, Robert Flowerday, Emily Williams, Marion Bailey, Iris Brooker, Peter Carter, Abdo Haj- Battal, Rosa Jarman, James (Ham) Galloway, Barbara Townsend, Sylvia Cross, Gladys Hawthorn, Grace Stratford, Mary Postlethwaite 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 4 January – Epiphany

Readings: Isaiah 60.1-6, Psalm 72. [1-9] 10-15, Ephesians 3.1-12, Matthew 2.1-12

0930 Sung Eucharist

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

Music: 49 Brightest and best of the sons of the morning, 48 Bethlehem of noblest cities, 47 As with gladness men of old, 28 In the bleak midwinter, 36 The first Nowell the angel did say

1100 Morning Worship with Communion

Officiant: Revd Emma-Jane Wilkinson
Churchwarden: Phil T
Musicians: Simon and Singers
Readers: Peter S
Intercessor: Terry H
Chalice: Phil T
Welcomers: Maggie B, Ro A
Childrens Group: Claire D, May D
Powerpoint: David D

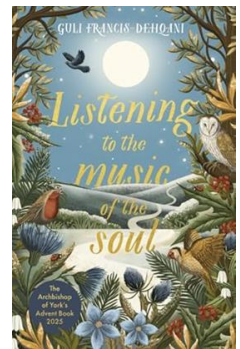
Music: Come and join the celebration, 322 Like a candle flame, See him lying on a bed of straw, 789 In the bleak midwinter, We three Kings, 34 At this time of giving

NOTICES



Carol Service. Thank you to everyone involved in this beautiful atmospheric service – the musical director, choir, musicians, readers, technical team, caterers, cleaner-upers and those who came to worship. It was a beautiful service.
Revd Emma

Advent Course: Our Advent courses, using Bishop Guli's new Advent Book, 'Listening to the music of the soul' concludes this week at the following times. Feel free to come alone, even if you haven't been before. We have had some very interesting discussions, especially this week as we considered angels!



Daytime 1030-1200	Evening 1930-2100
Monday 22 December	Monday 22 December

Christmas Flowers. The flowers in church for Christmas have been kindly sponsored by Helen Schmitz, in memory of her late mother, Dorothy Flude.

Church Office. The office will be shut over the Christmas and New Year period, whilst Imogen and Nikki take annual leave to be with their families over this festive period. Emails will be checked and responded to as soon as it is possible to do so. If your enquiry is urgent, please contact Revd Emma or the Church Wardens.



Stamps. Please save your Christmas (and other) postage stamps for SPANA - a charity which provides treatment for essential working animals in poorer countries where there is little access to veterinary care. This enables animals to continue working and support their owners and families. There is a box at the back of church, please leave a border of 1cm. round the stamp.

Thank you – Joy

Twelve Joys of Christmas – on the Everyday Faith app between Christmas Day and the 5th January, you can join Revd Nicholas Papadopoulos, Dean of Salisbury, as he provides a daily meditation of the twelve joys of Christmas. Pick up a bookmark from the back of church for more details, or scan this QR code.



Epiphany Open House at the Vicarage – everyone is welcome to drop into the Vicarage on Saturday 10th January between 1400 and 1800 for festive nibbles and drinks. Come for a few minutes or a few hours!



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

Great news - we have enough volunteers signed up for this to go ahead. However, it is never too late to volunteer so if you missed last week's deadline, do not fear! For those who completed a form, you should have now received a thank you email from Nicola. If you have not received this, please can you let Revd Emma know. And do start praying for this great Churches Together outreach event.

Key Register. Thank you to those who have already let us know what keys they have. We are sure there are more keys out there, so 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.



Safeguarding Awareness. Look out for each other over this Christmas period, especially those for whom this time of year is difficult. It is good to remember that the Samaritans run their helpline 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and they can always be contacted on 116 123. If you yourself are lonely or upset, don't suffer alone – reach out and get support.

Eco Tip for Advent 4: Rather than sending cards to friends in the church, why not just add one card to the board at the back of church and then make a donation either to a charity of your choice or to the Children's Society where our Christingle offerings go.

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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Youth Worker	Vacant	youth@
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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

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