



Church of King Charles the Martyr  
**NOTICES**  
Sunday 1 February  
**Patronal Festival**



**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

### **1030 Patronal Festival Joint Service**

Officiant: Revd Emma-Jane Wilkinson

Churchwarden: Bill S

Musicians: Simon and Choir

Readers: Ruth B

Intercessor: Lynn J

Chalice: Steve J

Welcomers: Jean B, Ro A

Powerpoint: Gary D

Childrens Group: Nikki E, May D

**Music:** Royal Charles, who chose to die, at Candlemas in white arrayed, In Christ Alone, 185 How deep the Father's love for us, Glory and worship bring

**Anthem:** God be in my head – Walford Davies

**Please join us in the hall after the service for Prosecco and canopies with a royal toast.**

**All are welcome**

### **1600 Evensong**

Officiant: Revd Emma-Jane Wilkinson

# **Readings for Sunday I February Patronal Festival**

## **Collect**

King of kings and Lord of lords,  
whose faithful servant Charles  
prayed for those who persecuted him  
and died in the living hope of your eternal kingdom:  
grant us by your grace so to follow his example that we may love and bless our  
enemies,  
through the intercession of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

I Kings 1.32-40 – *page 335*

Psalm 24

I Peter 2.13-22 – *page 1218*

Luke 2.22-40 – *page 1028*

## **Post Communion**

God our redeemer,  
whose Church was strengthened by the blood of your martyr Charles:  
so bind us, in life and death,  
to Christ's sacrifice that our  
lives, broken and offered  
with his, may carry his  
death and proclaim his resurrection in the world;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Musings from the vicarage

Over our life time we all make many journeys. Some we make every day, some we only make once and some have real significance and can be lifechanging. Journeys have been part of everyday life since time began, and the Bible is full of them. In religious circles, journeys are often called pilgrimages. Pilgrimages are journeys which are made with a specific purpose, and usually to a holy place where often personal transformation takes place before the pilgrim returns to their daily life.

This week, I feel as if I have been on two pilgrimages!

On Saturday I joined with other members of our Deanery at our Walsingham day, which was a virtual pilgrimage to the shrine of our Lady at Walsingham. We started the day with a solemn mass in which Revd Lousie from Elstree and Borehamwood, preached on the journeys that Mary took in her life time, focussing particularly on the journey to stay with her cousin Elizabeth, when she had been visited by the angels, which led to her being called 'Blessed among women' and to her singing the song which we now know as the Magnificat.

As part of the day, we were invited to come to the front where a priest prayed with us, laid hands on us and anointed us with oil before we sipped water from the Walsingham well. At this point, I was able to bring before God all those who are on our prayer list and ask that he might touch them and renew them in body, mind and spirit. This was followed by a procession around the church, following the reserved sacrament, which was carried in Monstrance, before Father Tom, our hospital chaplain, offered the Benediction. It was a great experience, and I hope that next year some of you will come with me to experience it.



And then on Tuesday, as you know, a band of KCM pilgrims set off for Edinburgh to join in the Choral Eucharist which was commemorating the martyrdom of King Charles I at St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral that evening. This was another amazing experience, and using the 1637 liturgy brought the eucharist alive in a very different way to usual. None of us came away unchanged, and I am sure that it is something that pilgrims from KCM will repeat in future years. If you want to find out more about it, talk to one of the pilgrims!



On Saturday, we all can join a pilgrimage to the Priory Church of St Bartholomew the Great, West Smithfield EC1A 9DS for another commemorative service remembering the sacrifice of his life that King Charles I because of his faith. It's not too late for you to join this one!

All of us who have been baptised are on a daily pilgrimage as we journey through life, meaning that we don't have to go to particular places to meet with God and be transformed – it can happen anywhere. All we need to be is open to the guiding of the Holy Spirit and allow God to meet us in the ordinariness of our everyday lives, daily transforming us and making us more like him, until the day when we meet him face to face. May we, this week, in the words of John Bunyan, 'labour night and day to be a pilgrim'.

Revd Emma

## 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**

# 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

**Thursday 5 February**

1130 Funeral of the late Janice Lacey at KCM followed by a service at New Southgate Crematorium at 1400.

Community café opening at 1230 - 1400

**Saturday 7 February**

0830 Churches Together Breakfast Prayers at United Reformed Church, Darkes Lane, EN6 1BZ

**Sunday 8 February**

1500 Messy Church

**Tuesday 17 February**

1700 Messy Church Pancake Party

**Wednesday 18 February**

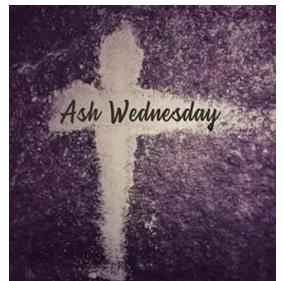
1000 Ash Wednesday Eucharist

1930 Churches Together service at Our Lady and St Vincent, Mutton Lane



**Tuesday 17 February** – we are holding a Pancake party from 1700 - 1930! For this we need volunteers to invite people to come, make pancakes, welcome our guests, man games and activities, clearing up at the end. Watch out for sign-up sheets and publicity soon, but in the meantime if you know you can help, please let David or Revd Emma know.

**Wednesday 18 February** – there will be an Ash Wednesday Eucharist in church at 1000 and then a Churches Together service at 1930 at the Catholic church. If you would like to join the choir for this, please speak to Simon and put the date in your diary to come along. This is a very important date in the church year.



## IMPORTANT NOTICE

On **Thursday 5 February**, the café will **not open until 1230 but will stay open until 1400**. There will be a slightly reduced menu. This is due to the funeral of Mrs Janice Lacey taking place in the church at 11.30.

We apologise for the inconvenience of this, but are sure you understand that many of the volunteers wish to attend the funeral

# Prayer – Week beginning 1 February

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:** Bishop Sarah Mullally as she begins her work, and prepares for her installation on 25 March, as Archbishop of Canterbury, that she might, as she said to the King, ‘be the shepherd to care for people in their parishes, and speak of Christian hope at a time where there’s a lot of challenges for people’.

**Those who live in:** Berkeley Close, Borndene, Borough Way

**The recently departed:** Janice Lacey, and any others known to us personally.

**Anniversary of death:** Betty Callcut, George Reeve, John Loader, Phyllis Collins, Joan Harrison 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. **It is reviewed at the end of each month, so please let us know if you wish a name to stay on the list.** If you or a loved one are not on the list and would like to be added, 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](mailto: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 8 February – 2 before Lent**

**Readings:** Genesis 1.1—2.3, Psalm 136, Romans 8.18–25, Matthew 6.25–end

### **0930 Sung Eucharist**

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

**Music:** 263 All creatures of our God and King (omit \* verses), 342 Breathe on me, Breath of God, 258 O Christ the same, 466 Thou whose almighty word

**Anthem:** Praise, O Praise - How

### **1100 Morning Worship**

Officiant:	Revd Emma-Jane Wilkinson
Churchwarden:	Bill S
Musicians:	Simon and Choir
Readers:	Gary D
Intercessor:	Terry H
Welcomers:	Jenny D, Ann D
Powerpoint:	TBC

**Music:** 191 I am a new creation, 48 Be still and know that I am God, 447 Seek ye first, 268 I will seek your face, 375 (NEH) I danced in the morning, 432 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

### **1500 Messy Church**

**Theme: Love – how do we grow and share love**

Officiant:	Revd Emma-Jane Wilkinson
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# NOTICES



**Charlie's Angels** – When you shop at Tescos over the next few weeks, please put some blue tokens into the collection point for Charlie's Angels as we are currently one of their charities. We are hoping to receive a grant of £1500 to help us to update and buy new toys for the group. They are a lovely group and the leaders do a fantastic job and they really deserve this recognition. Tell your friends and spread the word. You can even make a video like mine [Tesco Stronger Starts](#) to share on social media if you go to [Tesco Stronger Starts](#) and search for King Charles the Martyr.

**Lent Study Groups:** During Lent there are two opportunities to join a weekly group. We are trialling one on a Thursday morning at 1000 before the cafe opens to encourage people to come to the study and then go to the cafe for refreshments or lunch. This will be held in the Church lounge. The second group will meet on a Tuesday evening in the vicarage at 1930. Please sign the list at the back of church if you are interested in joining us. Watch this space for what materials we will be using – I am open to suggestions, if anyone has any!

<b>Tuesday 1930 – 2100 Vicarage</b>	<b>Thursday 1000 – 1130 Church Lounge</b>
24 <sup>th</sup> February	26 <sup>th</sup> February
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	5 <sup>th</sup> March
10 <sup>th</sup> March	12 <sup>th</sup> March
17 <sup>th</sup> March	19 <sup>th</sup> March
24 <sup>th</sup> March	26 <sup>th</sup> March
31 <sup>st</sup> March – Holy Week Cocoa and compline	2 <sup>nd</sup> April – Café Maundy Thursday service

**St Albans Cathedral** currently has four exciting vacancies and they would love to hear from people who feel called to contribute to the life and ministry of this special place:

Cathedral Safeguarding Officer: <https://ow.ly/V0Va50Y1E5W>

Head Verger: <https://ow.ly/qJCR50Y1E5Z>

Canon Chancellor: <https://ow.ly/IuXe50Y1E5Y>

Visitor Donations Assistant: <https://ow.ly/qY9M50Y1EXM>

If you or someone you know would be a great fit for one of these roles, find out more and apply via the links.

## **King Charles the Martyr celebrations and Patronal Festival**

Many of us are looking forward to the celebrations in London on Saturday 31 January 2025. There will be a service at 1100 at the Priory Church of St Bartholomew the Great, West Smithfield EC1A 9DS, and then, following the Royal Toast, the Potters Bar contingency will be heading back to Potters Bar for a meal at the French restaurant. The former Bishop of Hertford, and current Bishop of Bath and Wells, will be preaching at the service. It is not too late to join the party – if you would like to come speak to either Lynn or Rev'd Emma or sign the list at the back of church.



**Potters Bar Carnival:** The Potters Bar Carnival Committee is looking for volunteers and participants for the carnival on **Sunday 14 June**. There are a variety of ways to be involved and anyone who is interested in helping so that the procession element of the day can happen is invited to a meeting on **Tuesday 3 February 7:30pm at Elm Court**. I have said that we will have a stall on the day and it would also be good to take part in the procession. Please let me know if you are interested in helping to organise this. Please also spread the word about the carnival so that there is sufficient interest and it does not end up having to be cancelled again this year.



**Palm Crosses:** On Sunday 15 February we will be burning last year's palm crosses in order to make the ash for use on Ash Wednesday. If you have your cross, and are willing to part with it, please bring it to church and put it in the basket at the back. Many thanks. Lynn and Revd Emma

## **UK Aid to Ukraine**

The next lorry will be going in early March. If you have any of the following items please let Stella H know and drop them off to her by Friday 20 February 2

- Summer clothes for all ages.
- Toiletries: toothpaste, tooth brushes, soap, shampoo, shower gel, toilet paper

- washing powder, ladies sanitary products etc.
- Medical items: Paracetamol (in date), bandages, plasters, hand sanitizer
- Non perishable food eg rice, pasta, chickpeas, lentils, beans, all pulses, tinned vegetables and fruit, biscuits, treats eg chocolate and sweets.
- Toys
- Maternity and baby items: milk formula, nappies, wipes

**Safeguarding Awareness.** +Sarah has already spoken of her commitment to safeguarding and has committed herself to 'making an environment where all people can flourish and which is safer for all'. In our own diocese, if anyone was involved in St Andrews Chorleywood in the 80s,90s or 2000 and has safeguarding concerns, they are invited to participate in an information and listening exercise. More information can be found here: [\*\*Call for safeguarding information and listening exercise - The Diocese of St Albans\*\*](#)

**EcoTip Candlemas:** It's great weather for soup! Look through your fridge for some of your slightly tired-looking veggies, add some beans or lentils and cook up a nutritious meal that saves waste and won't cost much either.

## 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.
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## How to access services at KCM

**Sunday mornings** go to the church website [www.kcm-church.org.uk](http://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](mailto:office@kcm-church.org.uk) by 5pm Wednesday evening.  
In case of pastoral need, please contact Revd Emma.

### Contact details:

<b>The Vicar</b>	<b>Revd Emma-Jane Wilkinson</b>	<b>Rest Day: Friday</b>
	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](mailto:xxx@kcm-church.org.uk)

<b>Lay Minister / Reader</b>	David Thomson	reader@
<b>Church Warden</b>	Phil Townsend	churchwarden1@
<b>Church Warden</b>	Bill Simpson	churchwarden2@
<b>Safeguarding Officer</b>	Helen Schmitz	safeguarding@
<b>Admin Assistant</b>	Imogen St Pierre	office@
<b>PCC Secretary</b>	Nicola Thrussell	pccsecretary@
<b>Treasurer</b>	Steve Jones	treasurer@
<b>Children and Families Worker</b>	Vacant	families@
<b>Youth Worker</b>	Vacant	youth@
<b>Music</b>	Simon Worley	music@

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





## Snowdrop Garden Open Days — in Support of the Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust

We are pleased to share that the **Bishop of St Albans' Garden** will open to visitors this February, offering a much-loved chance to enjoy God's creation in its early spring beauty. This year's openings may be **the last time** the garden is made accessible to the public, making the occasion especially meaningful.

Thousands of snowdrops and other early bulbs will be in bloom, creating a peaceful, uplifting place to wander and reflect. All proceeds will go directly to the **Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust**, which helps fund essential repairs to historic churches across Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire.

Bishop Richard, Acting Bishop of St Albans, writes:

*"This is a lovely way to enjoy the first signs of spring while supporting an important cause. We're proud to contribute to preserving the unique heritage of our local churches."*

### Open Garden Dates

**Abbey Gate House, Abbey Mill Lane, St Albans AL3 4HD**

- Saturday 14 February
- Sunday 15 February
- Saturday 21 February
- Sunday 22 February

**Time:** 2pm–4pm

**Entry:** £5 per adult (all proceeds to the Trust)



All are warmly invited to visit the garden—perhaps for the final time as we are not sure if the new Bishop will continue to allow the garden to be opened to the public—enjoy its seasonal beauty and support the preservation of our cherished church buildings.

For more information, please contact:

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