



Church of King Charles the Martyr
NOTICES
Sunday 25 January
Epiphany 3



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 with Church Parade

Officiant: Revd Emma-Jane Wilkinson
Churchwarden: Bill S
Musicians: Simon and Choir
Readers: Uniformed organisations
Intercessor: Revd Emma / young people
Chalice: Maureen T
Welcomers: Lynn J

Music: 486 We have a gospel to proclaim, Allelu, allelu, allelu, alleluia! Will you come and follow me, I will make you fishers of men, 376 I heard the voice of Jesus say, Lord the light of your love is shining

1100 Café Church

Officiant: Prof David Thomson
Churchwarden: Phil T
Readers:
Intercessor: Gary D
Welcomers: Maggie B / Teen Team

Readings for Sunday 25 January

Epiphany 3

Collect

God of all mercy,
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord.

I Corinthians 1.10–18 – *page 1144*

Matthew 4.12–23 – *page 968*

Post Communion

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Potters Bar Food Bank

Don't forget that as a church we collect for the foodbank in the boxes outside the office. January can be a difficult month for people, so please pick up a few extra bits when you are shopping and donate them.

Musings from the vicarage

I don't know about you, but David really made me think with his sermon last week about why we come to church. I know now that I come because I am your vicar, but how did going to church first become an important part of my life.

Originally, I went because I was taken by my parents. They were founder members of Billericay Baptist Church having both been bought up attending Potters Bar Baptst Church. They took me to be dedicated when I was one week old, and I have probably gone to church nearly every Sunday since. My Dad was the organist, and some of my earliest memories of church are sitting on a little wooden chair next to the organ while he played. Then, at the appropriate time in the service, Miss Rotham would come and get me and take me to Sunday School, and then return me to the chair at the end! Those who work with children in our church are so vital – whether that is in Children's clubs, Messy Church, Charlies Angels or just sitting in the children's corner on a Sunday morning looking after the little ones so that parents can engage more with the service – as they will be the Miss Rothams that the children of this church remember in years to come when they are writing musings from their vicarages!



One Summer, during a Holiday Bible Club, I realised for the first time that Jesus had died because he loved me as an individual as well as everyone else and so on 30 August 1976, I gave my life to him. I will always be grateful to Bob Pritchard for preaching in such a way that my life was changed for ever. I am sure this is one of the reasons why I am passionate about Holiday Clubs as they sow seeds in lives that can never be unsewn. Do be praying for the Holiday Club that is planned for this summer that it will change the lives of children and young people in this town and will enable them to encounter Jesus.



As I got older, I became very involved in Girls Brigade (we didn't have Brownies and Guides at the church much to my Mum's horror, having always been a guider) and this shaped much of my faith. Pamela Goodeve and June Singleton as officers, became role models of Christian women for me and I still often think of Pamela, who sadly died a few years ago, when I go out in shoes that could really do with a clean! She said that when she met a person, their shoes were the first thing she looked at as it told you a lot about how much care they took over their appearance! The leaders of uniformed organisations are very special people, and we should cherish them and encourage them in all that they do. What a privilege it is for us that they still want to hold regular parade services as this is not the case everywhere. We all need to welcome our uniformed organisation and nurture our relationship with them, showing young people that church is an enjoyable part of the week.

I could go on, but that will have to wait for another time as I am running out of space, but as I have pondered on my initial engagement with Church this week, I have noticed how often it is the people who I have met, who have encouraged me, and who have shown by the example of their lives that has kept me going to church on a regular basis. They have been my Andrews – the ones who have brought me to Jesus, whether they realise it or not, so that I can hear Jesus say to me, 'Come and see' and be encouraged to follow him wherever he leads.

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

Tuesday 27 January 1000 Eucharist with Revd Hugh Wikner
Celebrations for King Charles the Martyr at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh at 1730

Saturday 31 January Celebrations for King Charles the Martyr at Priory Church of St Bartholomew 1100 (see Notices for more details)

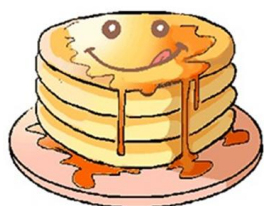
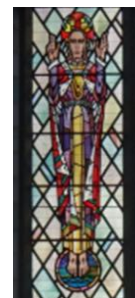
Sunday 1 February 1030 Joint Service for Patronal Festival, followed by refreshments

1600 Evensong
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 IBZ

Sunday 8 February 1500 Messy Church

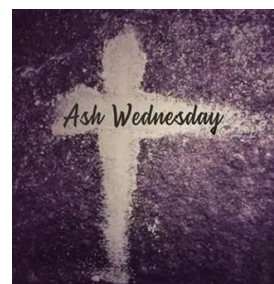
Sunday 1 February – this is our patronal festival when we will be celebrating at a joint service our patron, King Charles I and also Candlemas. The service will be followed by prosecco and canapes. If you could help with refreshments, please speak to Revd Emma.



Shrove Tuesday

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 25 January

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: the preparations for services to celebrate King Charles the Martyr and for those travelling to Edinburgh and London. Pray also for all those across the world who suffer because of their beliefs today.

Those who live in: Archer Close, Auckland Road, Baker Street

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

Anniversary of death: Emily Oakley, Rosalie Thomas, Penny Broomhead, Jean Thomson, Michael Westmacott, Vic Twallin, Charles Stuart, King and Martyr, William Townsend 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) 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 1 February – Patronal Festival

Readings: 1 Kings 1.32-40, Psalm 11, 1 Peter 2.13-22, Luke 2.22–40

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

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Jobs at Diocese. St Albans Diocese is currently advertising 5 roles which may be of interest to people. See their website for more details: [Diocesan Roles Vacancies - The Diocese of St Albans](#)

Review of Prayer List. Thank you to those who responded regarding names on our prayer list. You will see that it has now been revised. When added to the list, names will now be kept on there for 4 weeks. If you wish to have a person's name on the list for longer, then please let Revd Emma or the office know. Please remember, in line with the Parish Prayer Policy, you must have permission of the person's whose name you would like to add to the list.

Youth Pizza evening at the vicarage: We had a good evening last Sunday with our young people, sharing food and playing yatzee! Watch out for the date of the next gathering.

King Charles the Martyr celebrations and Patronal Festival

Arrangements are well underway for 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 to a nearby restaurant for lunch. The former Bishop of Hertford, and current Bishop of Bath and Wells, will be preaching at the service. We would love for lots of our congregation to join us. If you are interested, please speak to Lynn or Robert and add your name to the sign up sheet 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.

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

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!

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

Safeguarding Awareness. Last Monday (19th January) has the name blue Monday because it is considered to be the most depressing day of the year! We are reminded that: 'Whether or not one day can be objectively "bluer" than another, Blue Monday serves as a nudge to take mental health seriously. Depression, anxiety, and burnout don't follow the calendar – but the struggles many face during winter are real. For some, it's seasonal affective disorder (SAD). For others, it's financial stress, social isolation, or simply the letdown after the holidays. Blue Monday isn't about labelling a bad day – it's about acknowledging that emotional lows deserve attention. It opens the door for meaningful support and reminds us to ask, listen, and act with empathy'. That's something we need far beyond January.

EcoTip Epiphany 3: make recycling easier in your home by having a separate paper/cardboard bin upstairs or in your bathroom for packaging and insides of toilet rolls and other paper products. Remember, the blue paper towel in our church kitchen cannot be recycled!

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 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@
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 and they will respond as soon as they can. www.kcm-church.org.uk 01707 665579



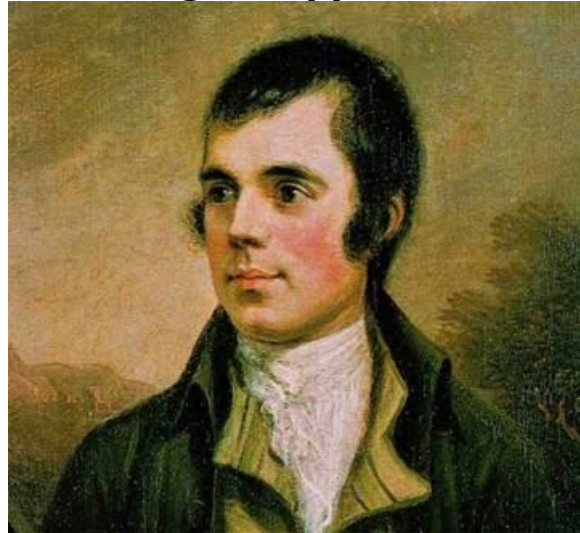
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Charity No. 3025

5th Potters Bar

Burns Night Supper & Ceilidh



Date **Saturday 31st January 2026 at 7 for 7.30pm**

Venue **Elm Court Youth & Community Centre, Mutton Lane,
Potters Bar**

Cost **£22**

The Burns Night Supper will be a 3 course meal including traditional Haggis [or sausages if you prefer] or vegetarian Haggis, Tatties & Neaps meal together with a Piper & Recital of Robbie Burns poems, followed by a traditional Ceilidh with a live band and caller leading the dancing!

Traditional Scottish dress is optional, but not essential. Bring your own drinks.

If you wish to book a ticket please contact Chris Brunning on 07803 154046 or email chris.brunning@ntlworld.com .