



# Church of King Charles the Martyr

## NOTICES

Sunday 4 January  
**Epiphany**



**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: Simon and Choir  
Readers: Brenda W  
Intercessor:  
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

# Readings for Sunday 4 January

## Epiphany

### Collect

O God,  
who by the leading of a star  
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:  
mercifully grant that we,  
who know you now by faith,  
may at last behold your glory face to face;  
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.

**Isaiah 60.1-6** – page 746

**Psalms 72. [1-9] 10-15** – page 585

**Ephesians 3.1-12** – page 1174

**Matthew 2.1-12** – page 966

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

### Post Communion

Lord God,  
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:  
may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light  
discern the glory of your presence in your Son,  
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Musings from the vicarage

It is with a warmth in my heart and a smile on my face that I wish you, Happy New Year as it is not what I expected to be doing at the beginning of 2025 but God had other ideas – and I am so grateful to Him that I am here serving you as your parish priest. Thank you for making me so welcome and for the part you have played in making KCM and Potters Bar my home.

One of my favourite Psalms is Psalm 139 because it gives me the assurance that God knows far better than me, what he has planned. I love the thought that he knit me together in my mother's womb and fearfully and wonderfully made me. But the verse that resonates the most with me is verse 16 where it says, 'all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be'.

As we step into 2026, I think it is exciting to discover what God has ordained for us each as individuals and as a church, in this coming year. We don't know what lies ahead but we do know who holds the future and we know that he is faithful. And so, I hope that you will, will me pray: 'For all that has been, thanks. For all that is to come – Yes.'



In the words of Donna Ashworth, 'when I say Happy New Year, I'm really wishing you more happy days than sad, more joy than misery, more laughter than tears, more bravery than fear, and the wisdom to accept that they all belong because hope is the key to this enigmatic state of 'happiness' we seek.

A very Happy and blessed New Year to you all. **Rev'd Emma**

### Christmas services



A very big thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to our Advent and Christmas services this year especially our musicians, servers, readers, intercessors, welcomers, streamers, powerpoint operators, those who cleaned and decorated the church, those who served refreshments, and those who delivered leaflets

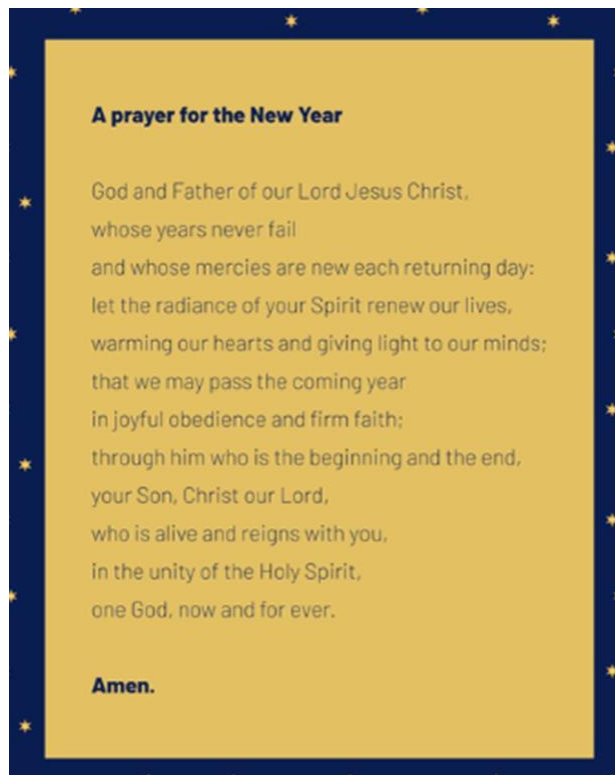
and those who supported our various services in whatever way A great team effort - thank you.

## Dates for your diary and for prayer

Each week our worship follows this pattern

<b>Tuesday morning</b>	1000 Eucharist
<b>Wednesday morning</b>	Please take a few minutes to pray for our community
<b>Sunday morning</b>	0930 Sung Eucharist; 1100 Morning Worship
<b>Saturday 3 January</b>	0830 Churches Together Morning Prayers at St John's Methodist, 47 Baker Street, Potters Bar EN6 2DZ
<b>Wednesday 7 January</b>	PCC meeting 7:30
<b>Saturday 10 January</b>	1400-1800 Epiphany Open House at the Vicarage
<b>Sunday 11 January</b>	1215 Baptism of Maisie Hyslop 1500 Messy Church - Epiphany
<b>Monday 12 January</b>	David Burrows' funeral – 12:00 Enfield Crematorium and then 1315 in church.
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January</b>	The Community Cafe re-opens for 2026

## A prayer for the New Year from St Albans Diocese



## Prayer – Week beginning 4 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:** an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on each of us, on KCM and on all who enter our Church building during the week and ask God to move among us and further his Kingdom here in Potters Bar during 2026.

**Those who live in:** Wylyotts Close, Wylyotts Lane

**The recently departed:** June Barker (Lynn Jones Aunt), David Burrows and any others known to us personally.

**Anniversary of death:** Jean Catling, Richard Carlson, Revd Ray Williams, Gwen Mason, Graham Flude, Neo Notley 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.

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](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.

### Potters Bar Food Bank

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

# ***Coming up in church and on Facebook***

## **Sunday 11 January – Epiphany I - Baptism of Christ**

**Readings:** Isaiah 42.1–9, Psalm 29, Acts 10.34–43, Matthew 3.13–end

### **0930 Sung Eucharist**

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Musicians: Simon and Choir  
Readers: Jean B  
Intercessor: Judith R  
Chalice: Steve J  
Welcomers: Lynn J

**Music:** 352 Crown him with many crowns, 52 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness, 55 Hail to the Lord's Anointed, 56 Songs of thankfulness and praise (omit v4)

### **1100 Morning Worship**

Officiant: Revd Emma-Jane Wilkinson  
Churchwarden: Phil T  
Musicians: Simon and Singers  
Readers: Lauren T  
Intercessor: Emma K  
Welcomers: Jenny D, Ann D  
Powerpoint: David H

**Music:** 544 We declare your majesty, Spirit of God, unseen as the wind, 441 River, wash over me, 472 Thank you for saving me, 495 There is power in the name of Jesus, 524 To be in your presence

### **1215 Christening**

**Maisie Hyslop**

Officiant: Revd Emma-Jane Wilkinson

### **1500 Messy Church**

**Perseverance - Epiphany**

Officiant: Revd Emma-Jane Wilkinson

# NOTICES

**Review of Prayer List.** As it is the start of a new year, we will be reviewing the names on the prayer list and the names of those with longer needs. 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 Rev'd 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.



**Barnet Deanery Walsingham Day.** On Saturday 24 January, the Barnet Deanery is holding a day of prayer, fellowship, reflection and giving thanks for Our Lady of Walsingham at Holy Trinity, Lyonsdown. The day will start with a Eucharist at 11:15am and this will be followed by lunch (bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided) then at 1:00pm there will be ministry of healing with sprinkling, followed by Procession and Benediction. For further information, please email [fr.tristan@googlemail.com](mailto:fr.tristan@googlemail.com) or talk to Rev'd Emma.

## **King Charles the Martyr celebrations and patronal festival**

Arrangements are well underway for the celebrations in London on Saturday 31st January 2025. There will be a service at 11:00 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. Full details in next week's Notice Sheet.



**Flowers.** A big thank you to our flower team for making the church look so beautiful over the Christmas period. If you would like to make a donation towards the flowers in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion, see Judith or sign up on the sheet at the back of Church.



**Church Office.** The office will be shut until Thursday 8th of January. Emails and phone messages will be checked and responded to as soon as it is possible to do so. While the office is closed, or 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

**Youth Pizza evening at the vicarage:** On Sunday 18 January 1900 – 2030, Rev'd Emma is hosting another Pizza evening for our young people at the vicarage. Please put the date in your diary if you have a young person yourself and let anyone else you think might be interested know. Please let Rev'd Emma know who will be attending for catering purposes.

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



**LAST CALL 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.** The start of a New Year is a good opportunity for us to carry out a safeguarding audit and to think about how accessible our building is for everyone, especially those with any form of disability. If you notice something, however small, or think of something that we could improve to ensure all are welcome, please let Rev'd Emma or our Safeguarding Officer, Helen, know.

**Eco Tip for Epiphany:** Start 2026 with new hope and determination to live in ways which have less impact on our fragile planet- eg eating more plant based food, flying less often and not buying so many things that we only use for a short time and then throw away! .

## 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](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**



**@KCMChurchPottersBar**



Charity No. 3025

5<sup>th</sup> Potters Bar

**Burns Night Supper & Ceilidh**



**Date**                      **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026 at 7 for 7.30pm**

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

**Cost**                                      **£22**

**The Burn's 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](mailto:chris.brunning@ntlworld.com) .**

# Barnet Deanery Walsingham Day

**Saturday 24th January 2026**  
**Holy Trinity, Lyonsdown, EN5 1JE**

**11.15am Eucharist**  
*Followed by lunch.*

*(Please bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided.)*

**1pm Ministry of healing, with sprinkling.**  
**Followed by Procession & Benediction**



*For further details please email: [fr.tristan@googlemail.com](mailto:fr.tristan@googlemail.com)  
A time of prayer, fellowship, and reflection, giving thanks for  
Our Lady of Walsingham, and asking her intercessions  
for ourselves and the needs of the world.*