



Church of King Charles the Martyr
NOTICES
Sunday 29 March
Palm Sunday



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



Clocks go forward one hour today

0930 Sung Eucharist

Officiant: Revd Emma-Jane Wilkinson
Churchwarden: Bill S
Musicians: Barry Westcott and Choir
Readers: Dramatic Passion reading
Intercessor: Lynn J
Chalice: Steve
Welcomers: Lynn J

Music: 509 All glory, laud and honour, 425 O Love, how deep, how broad, how high! 273 And now, O Father, mindful of the love, 83 Glory be to Jesus, 511 Ride on, ride on in majesty!

1100 Café Church Who moved the stone?

Officiant: Revd Emma-Jane Wilkinson
Churchwarden: Phil T
Reader:
Intercessor: Gary D

Readings for Sunday 29 March

Palm Sunday

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
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

Liturgy of the Palms:

Matthew 21.1-11 - page 988

Psalm 118.19-24

Liturgy of the Passion:

Matthew 26.14-end of 27 – page 996

Post Communion

Lord Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:
give us the mind to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father.

Holy Week Services

Join us this week to walk with Jesus towards the cross.

Monday 30 March. Due to personal circumstances, I have made the difficult decision to **cancel the quiet morning** which was due to be held this morning. Instead there will be a short Eucharist service at 1000 for any who would like to attend. If you want to know more, please speak to Revd Emma.

Wednesday 1 April at 1900, we are holding a Tenebrae service. This is a quiet reflective service, which starts with candles alight and these are gradually extinguished during the service until only one remains at the end – the Christ light which cannot be extinguished. The service includes readings, music and time for reflection. It is a very moving experience.

Monday – Wednesday. Grab a cup of cocoa or your favourite night time drink, and join David and others at 2000 for Compline. I have heard from a lot of people how inspiring these times of prayer are, and I am looking forward to experiencing it for myself.

Maundy Thursday Cafe Service 1100 Join us in church for a short Maundy Thursday service and then have lunch in the community cafe. Every one welcome to attend.

Maundy Thursday 1930 Please sign the sheet at the back of the church if you would like to come to our Last Supper Meal to give us some idea of numbers. The meal will be a light meal of soup, bread and cheese. It will be followed by a procession to the church for a short service which includes the stripping of the altars and the opportunity to spend time in prayer at the garden of repose. Everyone is welcome to join us for all or some of the evening. If you can help to provide some of the food for the meal, there is also a sign-up sheet for that! Any queries, please contact Revd Emma.



Good Friday There are lots of opportunities to spend time today focusing on the death of Jesus, a pivotal moment in the story of salvation.

Walk of Witness – meet at KCM at 1010 ready to walk and join our friends at the Catholic church at 10:30 and then to walk together to the War Memorial where we will join with the churches together in Potters Bar for a short act of worship. Everyone welcome including our furry friends!

Hour at the Cross 1200 - join us in church for a time of reflections on the cross to include music, prayer, space, images and words as we meditate on the final hours of Christ's life.

The Final Hour 1400 – a moving service with readings and hymns as we hear again the account of Jesus; suffering and death.

Messy Good Friday. At 1600 join us at Messy Church where the children will be making individual Easter Gardens. We are still looking for donations of the following: small flowers, small and large stones, moss, soil, and sticks. If you can donate any of these, please leave them at the back of church or deliver them to the vicarage; we would be most grateful. Any offers of help on the day would also be appreciated.



Easter Saturday, Service of Light If you are allowed a favourite service, this is mine! Come and join us at 2000 as we welcome the light of Christ, risen from the tomb, into the church by renewing our baptismal vows, hearing the story of salvation and celebrating the good news that Jesus Christ is risen.

Serving during Holy Week: We are still looking for readers for Good Friday and Easter Saturday. Please let Rev'd Emma know if you are able to read or would like to take any other part in these services. Many thanks.

Invitation from the Methodist Church: If you are unable to join the local Good Friday Walk of Witness or other activities at your church on Good Friday due to health, mobility challenges, or other commitments on Good Friday, Potters Bar Methodist church is hosting a 45-minute meditative service for Good Friday at 1900 on zoom. The link for the service is:

<https://zoom.us/j/92296197183?pwd=x7btwaPGaOrGGwT5W4KOf596eGUzhe.>

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Meeting ID: 922 9619 7183 Passcode: 275015

Everyone is most welcome to join

Musings from the vicarage

This week our Lent devotions have focused on sharing the good news, something which we are all called to do. In our study groups it was really moving to hear people's stories of how they came to faith. I would love to hear your story one day.



I wonder how many of you watched the instillation of the Dame Sarah Mullally as Archbishop of Canterbury yesterday. I felt it was a very moving service as she made history in becoming the first female Archbishop of Canterbury, but what stood out to me was her humility and her obvious dedication to her Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. In the Lent book we have dipped into, in the final chapter, she tells the story of how she became a Christian. This is what she says:

I was 16 and preparing for confirmation when a friend asked me a simple, direct question: 'Have you made a personal commitment to follow Jesus?'

This was the point at which I realised that, even though I'd been to church every Sunday, had become part of that community and had gained an understanding of the Christian faith, this was the faith I'd been raised in, rather than something I had chosen for myself.

So, we prayed together, my friend and I, that Jesus would be with me. And in that moment, I made a choice, a personal commitment to follow Christ. I remember feeling that this was not now someone else's faith; it was not just the Church's faith – it was mine.

That's how I became a Christian.



In the interview on the BBC before the service started, she referred to the fact that her first vocation was her call to nursing, then to the priesthood, which was something that resonated with me as my first vocation was teaching. In fact, it was great to be back in a school today taking a whole school assembly at Cranborne primary school. Please pray for developing links there. At the end of the assembly, the Deputy Headteacher said to me, 'You can tell you've done that before'!

Watching +Sarah make the same promises as I did when I was licenced to be your vicar was very special, especially as it was around this time last year that I come as a 'secret shopper' to the two services at KCM to see if I felt it was where I was being called to and then attended the interview and was convinced that it was. It is very humbling to now be here and serving you. Thank you for all your love and support.





I think it was very appropriate that +Sarah's installation took place on the Feast of the Annunciation, the day when the church remembers how the Angel Gabrielle visited Mary and told her that she had been chosen to be the mother of Jesus, God's son (which incidentally means that it is exactly 9 months till Christmas Day!). In her sermon +Sarah said that for Mary, following God's invitation to trust in his promises meant trusting in a future she couldn't yet see, a future she could never have imagined.

She continued: *'This resonates with me. As I look back over my life at the teenage Sarah who put her faith in God and made a commitment to follow Jesus, I could never have imagined the future that lay ahead, and certainly not the ministry to which I am now called.'*

I am sure those of us who have committed to following Jesus know exactly what she means. If anyone had said to me 10 years ago that I would be a Vicar, I would probably have laughed! But just as the Angel said to Mary, 'Nothing is impossible for God'.

I pray that as we approach Holy Week, we will all remember that as +Sarah said, *'God is at work in the good news of the Gospel and in the hearts and lives of ordinary people (that's you and me) who, like Mary, have the audacity to believe that with God we can do extraordinary things.'* and that we will commit ourselves once again to Jesus, saying 'Here I am' believing that with God, nothing will be impossible, saying together as they did at the end of the service:

'Taking the example of Jesus Christ and his disciples, we commit to follow Him in faith, to honour God's image in all people and to cherish this earth as the gift of God.'



Rev'd 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
Friday 27 March	Choir practice – please see note below
Sunday 29 March	1100 Café Church – Who moved the stone? 1700 Palm Sunday evensong at St Mary's
Monday 30 March	1000 Eucharist – note Quiet morning cancelled 2000 Coco and compline on-line
Tuesday 31 March	1000 Eucharist 2000 Coco and compline on-line
Wednesday 1 April	No Charlies Angels 1900 Tenebrae service 2000 Coco and compline on-line
Thursday 2 April	1100 Cafe Easter Service – all welcome 1930 Last Supper and Maundy Thursday service
Friday 3 April	1015 Meeting for walk of witness 1200 Hour at the cross 1400 Final Hour at the cross 1600 Messy Good Friday – Easter Garden making
Saturday 4 April	1900 Service of Light
Sunday 5 April	1030 Joint Easter Service – please note the time
Monday 6 April	Easter Monday Pilgrimage to St Albans Abbey
Wednesday 8 April	No Charlies Angels
Thursday 9 April	No Community Cafe
Sunday 19 April	1600 Worship Discovery Evening
Saturday 25 April	1930 KCM Quiz Night – see Notices

*For full details of services during Holy Week and Easter,
please see our separate leaflet.*

Plea for help! If you can spare sometime a short amount of time on Saturday 4 April, Lynn would appreciate some help returning all the items that are removed during the Maundy Thursday service back to their rightful positions in church ready for our Easter Sunday celebrations. She will be in church from 1000 doing this. Many hands make light work.

Prayer – Week beginning 29 March

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 journey through Holy Week that each and everyone of us will experience something new so that on Easter Morning we are filled with the same joy that Mary was because we have seen the Lord.

Those who live in: Neville Close, Oakfield Close, Ormesby Drive

Those who are in need of our prayers:

Those with longer term needs:

The recently departed: Brian Wilkinson, Peter De'Naeyer, Jacqueline Ryan, and any others known to us personally.

Anniversary of death: Pauline Gunning, Stan Hawkes, Betty Whiteley 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 5 April – Easter Sunday

Readings: Jeremiah 31.1-6, Psalm 118, Acts 10.34–43, John 20.1-18

0900 Said Eucharist

Officiant: Revd Emma
Churchwarden: Bill S
Intercessor: Revd Emma
Chalice: Lynn J

1030 Joint Service with Communion

with Easter Egg hunt for the children

Officiant: Revd Emma
Churchwarden: Bill S / Phil T
Musicians: Simon, Choir and Singers
Intercessor: Terry H
Chalice: David T
Welcomers: David H, Sue T
Powerpoint: David D
Childrens Groups: Nikki E and May D

Music: 110 (NEH) Jesus Christ is risen today, 117 (NEH) The day of resurrection, 155 He has risen, See, what a morning, 312 Led like a lamb, 120 (NEH) Thine be the glory

Anthem: The Strife is o'er – Gibbs

Easter Morning: When you come to church on Easter Sunday morning, please bring a brightly coloured flower with you (or more than one if you would like to) These will be used during the service to help us celebrate the joy of Easter.



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Holy Week Choir: There is a choir rehearsal this Friday 27 March, 1900 – 2000, to practise items for Holy Week. If you don't normally come to choir but would like to join in with this special week, please do come along. You will be made most welcome. No previous experience necessary, just an enjoyment of singing.

APCM reports: This week we have sent out a letter asking for people to write reports for our APCM report. If you have not received one but would like to write a report about a church activity that you have been involved in during 2025, then please let Revd Emma know and she can forward you the information. Make sure you have the date of our APCM in your diary as we are hoping that this will be a great evening of fellowship and celebration and we would love you to be there.

Maundy Thursday meal and service: Please sign the sheet at the back of the church if you would like to come to our Last Supper Meal to give us some idea of numbers. The meal is at 1930 on 2 April. It is a light meal of soup, bread and cheese. It will be followed by a procession to the church for a short service which includes the stripping of the altars and the opportunity to spend time in prayer at the garden of repose. Everyone is welcome to join us for all or some of the evening. If you can help to provide some of the food for the meal, there is also a sign-up sheet for that! Any queries, please contact Revd Emma.

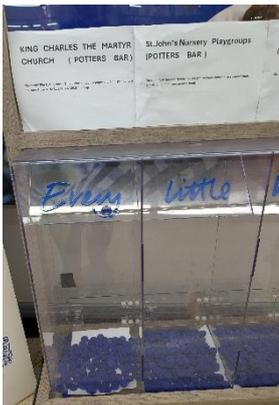


Good Friday Messy Church: Please keep collecting items for the Messy Church gardens: small flowers, small and large stones, moss, soil, and sticks. If you can donate any of these, please leave them at the back of church or deliver them to the vicarage; we would be most grateful.

Any offers of help on the day would also be appreciated. Also, come along on the day at 1600 and join in the fun or pass the attached poster to someone you think might enjoy coming. The garden making will be followed by tea.



Safeguarding Training. Thank you to all of those who attended the safeguarding training this week and particular thanks to Helen and Cath for organising it. It is great that so many more people are now up to speed with the safeguarding requirements. We will be organising a morning to complete the basic training soon, so please keep a look out for the date. It is great that we are all taking seriously our corporate responsibility to ensure that our church is a safe place for all.



Tesco Blue Tokens. Don't forget to pop your blue token in the Charlie's Angels box in Tesco. The closing date is fast approaching and it would be great to be the recipients of the grant. This week Charlie's Angels enjoyed celebrating Easter, They are now on a two-week break for the Easter Holidays.



KCM Quiz Night. Join us on **Saturday 25 April at 1930** for a quiz and raffle – bring your own food and drink. The cost is £10 per head (pay on the door), with a maximum of 8 people per table. Please email the office (office@kcm-church.org.uk) to book or just turn up on the night, you will be made most welcome. If you have any raffle prizes, please give these to Lynn Jones.

Volunteering Opportunity. The Oxfam store in Darkes Lane is looking for people to join their friendly team. Volunteering with them is a great way to support the community, meet new people, and help raise vital funds that support Oxfam's work tackling poverty and inequality around the world. They have a variety of roles available, including helping on the shop floor, sorting donations and merchandising.

Volunteers of all ages and backgrounds are welcome, and they are very happy to be flexible around people's availability — even a few hours a week can make a big difference.

For more details, please pop in and see the Manager, Niamh or email oxfamshopf4738@oxfam.org.uk

Easter Monday Pilgrimage: Who is feeling up for a challenge? Chris has worked out a route for us to walk from KCM to St Albans Abbey to join with the other pilgrims for the service in the Abbey. It is about a 10 mile walk but we will be stopping for lunch in a pub in Colney Heath on the way and you could always join us there. We will then be taking the bus back to Potters Bar, unless others just join for the service and can drive us back. Everyone, including dogs, are welcome to join me on this walk. Exact arrangements will be in next weeks' notice sheet. If you are interested, please sign the sheet at the back of church.



Churches Together Holiday Club.

The Churches Together Holiday club books will soon be open. Please take a flyer from the back of church and give it to anyone who you think might be interested to attend. It is not too late to volunteer to help – register here:

<https://content.scriptureunion.org.uk/volunteer> .

Also, encourage your teens to sign up to be young leaders at the Holiday club as this is a great opportunity for them to be young leaders. You can do this via the QR code or at <https://cclh.churchsuite.com/events/caxnqj6z>



Safeguarding Awareness. This week, the Department for Education has published 'Working together to safeguard children - A guide to multi-agency working to help, protect and promote the welfare of children'. It emphasises the need for us all to take responsibility for safeguarding as it is a shared responsibility across all agencies - the church included.

Eco Tip Palm Sunday: If you're planning a celebration over Easter weekend, try not to over-cater because food waste has a huge impact on the environment (as well as your purse!)

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@
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Church Warden	Bill Simpson	churchwarden2@
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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



@KCMChurchPottersBar



Enjoy coffee and pastries while we explore together the basics of Christianity. You will be made very welcome – whatever your background or beliefs.

Sunday 29th March
KCM Church Main Hall 10.45

STEPS TO FAITH: 7



Who moved the stone?





You and your family are invited to join us at



Friday 3rd April - 4pm – 5:30pm

A fun afternoon for children of all ages and their families where we will be re-telling the Easter Story by making an individual Easter Garden, followed by refreshments.

All are welcome

Children must be accompanied by an adult

We will begin in the hall and if the weather is fine, move to the Vicarage Garden to create our own gardens.



For more information contact

Revd Emma – vicar@kcm-church.org.uk

No charge but donation welcome