



Church of King Charles the Martyr
NOTICES
Sunday 26 April
Fourth Sunday of Easter



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: Sasha B
Intercessor: Revd Emma
Chalice: Robert B
Welcomers: Lynn J

Music: 374 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds, 369 Happy are they, they that love God, 463 Thine for ever! God of love, 338 At the name of Jesus (omit* verse)

Anthem: Brother James' Air - Jacob

1100 Cafe Church

Officiant: Revd Emma
Churchwarden: Phil T
Readers: Ruth B
Intercessor: Gary D
Welcomers: Sue T, Ro A



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

Sunday 26th April
KCM Church Main Hall 10.45



**Witness Statements:
Resurrection Edition**

Readings for Sunday 26 April

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Genesis 7 – *page 8*

Psalm 23

Acts 2.42–end – *page 1094*

John 10.1 – 10 – *page 1076*

Post Communion

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Potters Bar Food Bank

Thanks to all of you, Steve was able to deliver a large collection to the Food Bank last weekend. There was so much milk that he was apparently called 'Ernie'! They told Steve that they are particularly in need of toiletries and tinned fruit at the moment.

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.

Musings from the vicarage

This week seems to be the week of important days remembering significant people and events.

On Tuesday there were various events organised on what would have been the Queen's 100th birthday. At our Eucharist, we prayed the prayer that the Church of England wrote for the occasion, *'Gracious God, we give you thanks for all that you gave to Church, nation and Commonwealth through the life of your servant Queen Elizabeth II. We remember with gratitude her long life of Christian witness, her compassion for those in need, and her devotion to duty. As we mark the centenary of her birth, grant that, inspired by her example, we may serve you faithfully in our own generation, with steadfast hearts, merciful hands, and trust in your providence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.'*



We also admired the beautiful flowers which were in church. At the cafe on Thursday, the special is Coronation Chicken in celebration of this event. In a video message, our King paid tribute to his "darling Mama" but said much of life today would likely have "troubled her deeply". He said he took heart from her belief "goodness will prevail" and a "brighter dawn is never far from the horizon" and told us the milestone anniversary should be celebrated as a "life well-lived", rather than marking an "absence". The Queen had such a strong faith and we would do well to emanate her devotion to duty and service.

Then on Thursday, we remember St George, the patron saint of England. Our Uniformed organisations will be marking this occasion on Sunday with a service for the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides at St Johns church, and a parade for the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts at Elm Court. St George is best known for the famous story of slaying a dragon, a powerful symbol of good triumphing over evil (even if the story may only have come from two cases of mistaken identification, firstly in iconography and secondly because he came from Lydda where Perseus legendarily slayed a sea monster!) Did you know that he wasn't always the patron saint of England as originally it was Edward the Confessor but following the Crusades, returning soldiers brought back a renewed interest in George's bravery and virtue and this led to his adoption as England's patron saint centuries after his death.



But of course, the 23rd of April, is a day that also commemorates another English legend – my childhood cat, Rumpy, or no that's just who I remember whilst the rest of the world remembers William Shakespeare!



Remembering those who have gone before us, and been great examples of Christian living, is biblical because in 1 Corinthians 11:1, St Paul writes: 'Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ', showing us that it is important for our discipleship to imitate devout believers because they in turn, imitate Christ by seeking to obey and please the Father. The author of the Hebrews enlarges

on the theme, when after he has catalogued the great heroes of the faith, he goes on to say: 'Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith'. We would do well to imitate the steadfast, faithful example of the late Queen and the bravery and virtue of St George. Enjoy celebrating the saints and being one this week!

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 25 April	1930 KCM Quiz Night – see Notices
Sunday 26 April	1045 Cafe Church with Revd Emma
Monday 27 April	All APCM reports to be submitted to Imogen
Monday 27 April	1130 Funeral of Brian Wilkinson
Tuesday 28 April	1330 Cranborne Year 5 visit to KCM
Sunday 3 May	1230 Christening of Kiara Bethany Hartland-Hughes
Sunday 10 May	1500 Messy Church
Thursday 14 May	Ascension day

Safeguarding Awareness: The 22 April is Earth Day which reminds us how important it is to safeguard our planet. Established in 1970, Earth Day 2026 calls people “to stand shoulder to shoulder in defence of the only home we share” and it is our annual reminder that the choices we make every day shape the world we’ll experience tomorrow. Caring for creation is one of the five marks of mission and is something we need to take seriously.

Eco Tip Easter 4: Help increase biodiversity and food for bees and other pollinators by taking part in No Mow May, leaving a patch of your lawn uncut, sowing a pot of pollinator friendly flowers or asking your local council or church to leave areas uncut in May and see what wildflowers emerge! <https://www.plantlife.org.uk/campaigns/nomowmay/>

Prayer – Week beginning 26 April

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 Uniformed Organisations as they commemorate St George's Day on 23rd April. Pray for all the leaders and the amazing work that they do and for their connections with KCM.

Those who live in: Shiltoe Avenue, The Shrublands, Suffolk Road

The recently departed: Margaret Bowers, Brian Wilkinson, Jacqueline Ryan, and any others known to us personally.

Anniversary of death: Barbara Hale, Joscelyn Fellowes-Brown, priest, 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 3 May – Easter 5

Readings: Genesis 8.1-19], Acts 7.55-end (*must be 1st or 2nd reading*), Psalm 31.1-5, 15-16 [or 31.1-5], 1 Peter 2.2-10, John 14.1-14

0930 Sung Eucharist

Officiant: Revd Emma-Jane Wilkinson
Preacher: David T
Churchwarden: Bill S
Musicians: Adrian and Choir
Readers: Lynn J
Intercessor: Judith R
Chalice: Steve J
Welcomers: Lynn J

Music: 333 All my hope on God is founded, 206 Christ is our cornerstone, 484 (tune 167) The Church's one foundation, 383 (2nd tune) Jesu, lover of my soul, 485 Thy hand, O God, has guided

1100 Morning Worship with Communion


Officiant: Revd Emma
Preacher: David T
Churchwarden: Bill S
Musicians: TBC
Readers: Emma K
Intercessor: Terry H -TBC
Chalice: Maureen T
Welcomers: Jenny D, Ann D
Powerpoint: Ed S
Children's Group: Nikki E, Claire D and May D

Music: 69 Colours of Day, 48 Be still and know that I am God, 10,000 reasons, 1080 You are my hiding place. Quiet my mind, 526 To God be the glory

NOTICES

Electoral Roll. In preparation for our APCM, we need to ensure that our electoral roll is up to date, so if you have changed your address, telephone number or email since May 2025 please contact Maureen, our Electoral Roll Officer. Joining the Electoral Roll is an important way of confirming your commitment to the KCM family and the vision and ministry of our church and shows that you consider KCM as YOUR church, the place where you regularly worship and consider your spiritual home. We would love to have you fully on board. Application forms are available from the back of church and need to be returned to Maureen Townsend, by Tuesday 12 May.

Electoral Roll

-  **Belong**
-  **Participate**
-  **Contribute**

Congratulations to the Cafe Team. On Thursday the Cafe had a visit from Environmental Health and passed with flying colours, maintaining their 5* rating. This is a fantastic achievement and down to the hard work of all the team but in particular Jenny, for her record keeping, Maureen, Gary, Steve and David for their management of the cafe. It is an amazing outreach opportunity and a central part of our mission here at KCM. Thank you to everyone who is involved. And if you haven't been – why not come along one Thursday because you know you are in safe hands!



Worship Discovery Afternoon.

Sunday 31 May at 1600 followed by

refreshments. The play list is nearly ready so if you would like to play or sing as part of a group for this service, please speak to Simon or Emma. We are still open for

suggestions, so please email them to vicar@kcm-church.org.uk or music@kcm-church.org.uk

Bible Study Groups. Following on from our Lent Groups it has been suggested that we should continue to offer these groups on a regular basis. This could be fortnightly or monthly on a Tuesday morning following the communion service and a Tuesday evening at 7:30 in the vicarage. If this is something you would be interested in, please sign the sheet at the back of the church, indicating your preferred frequency.



London Marathon. Good luck to our KCM friends who are running the marathon this weekend – Jeremy is raising money for VICTA – Visual Impairment in children, and Martin is running for ‘Chance to Shine’, supporting cricket in school. Helen and John and all the families will be there cheering them on.

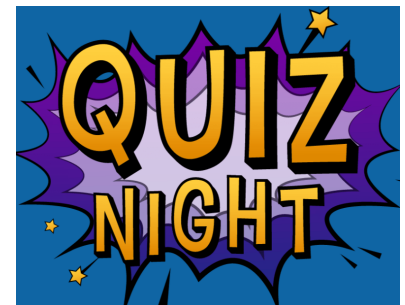
APCM reports. Thank you to those who have already sent in their reports. If you haven't yet, please let Imogen have them as soon as possible and at the latest by Monday 27 April. If you have something you would like included, reports should be no more than 200 words and emailed to both Imogen and Revd Emma.

APCM. Make sure you have the date of our **APCM – 27 May at 1900** 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. Also, please pray and see if God is calling you to serve on the PCC or to take on the role of Church Warden. If you want to know more, please speak to Revd Emma or one of the current PCC members or Church Wardens.



Tesco Blue Tokens. LAST CHANCE to pop your blue token in the Charlie's Angels box in Tesco. The closing date has been extended until Sunday 26th April so there is still time to put in lots more tokens!

KCM Quiz Night. It is not too late to 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.



Churches Together Holiday Club Volunteers. We have 35 volunteers who have signed up to help at Holiday Club so far and 9 for the teen team. Thank you if you are one of those. However, we need some more! If you can offer even only one day, please complete the application form using this link:

<https://content.scriptureunion.org.uk/volunteer>. For the teen team, use this link <https://cclh.churchsuite.com/events/caxnqj6z>

Churches Together Holiday Club. Bookings are now open for our Holiday club. Don't miss out on a place for your children or grandchildren!



The poster features a blue and white background with a wooden plank graphic. On the plank, the word "SHIPWRECKED" is written in large, bold, blue letters. Below the plank, the text "BOOKING NOW OPEN" is written in orange. The poster includes the following details: "A Summer Holiday Club in Jonah at King Charles the Martyr Church, Mutton Lane, Potters Bar", "Monday 27th July - Friday 31st July 2026", "9.30 am - 1pm", and the booking link "https://cclh.churchsuite.com/events/po7pz0mp". It also lists "For Primary Aged Children School Years 1-6 - £30" and "Teens - School Years 7-12 - Free". Logos for "Potters Bar Churches Holiday Club", "faith @ kids", and "Scripture Union" are present, along with a QR code.

Send in a Sheep Challenge. Thank you to Jenny for offering to make a Charlie's Angels Sheep for us and to the other volunteers who are making small ones for the children. We are most appreciative



The poster has a green and white background. It features a photo of a sheep puppet and a banana. Text on the poster includes: "The theme is Jesus The Good Shepherd and the key scripture is John 10 v 14-16", "1 2 7 7 make them count", "NATIONAL MONTH OF PRAYER for Toddler groups June 2026", and "Pray for your local toddler group, its leaders and all the families it comes into contact with."



You may have seen Ricky the puppet in church on Sunday at 9:30. He comes every week to Charlie's Angels and greets the children at the door, so it was lovely to be able to bless him and, through him, bless the children that come on a Wednesday. I think he really wants my job as this is where I found him in the Vestry on Sunday morning!

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@
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 01707665579



@KCMChurchPottersBar

What?

A QUIZ NIGHT

When?

Sat. 25th April
7:30 pm

Where?



£10 per head Tables of 8
Bring own Food and Drink

Raffle

BOOK YOUR TABLES AT
office@kcm-church.org.uk
PAY ON THE DOOR