



Church of King Charles the Martyr
NOTICES
Sunday 3 May
Fifth 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
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 The Church's one foundation, 383 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
Readers: Emma K
Intercessor: Revd Emma
Chalice: Maureen T
Welcomers: Jenny D, Ann D
Powerpoint: Nicola
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

1230 Christening of Kiara Hartland- Hughes

PLEASE NOTE: refreshments this week for both services will take place in the Margaret Old Hall due to the Hartland Christening party in the main hall.

Readings for Sunday 3 May

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Collect

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever

Genesis 8.1-19 – *page 9*

Acts 7.55-end – *page 1100*

Psalm 31.1-5, 15-16 [or **31.1-5**]

John 14.1-14 – *page 1082*

Post Communion

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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



I just wanted to say thank you to everyone who was involved in any way with my Dad's funeral on Monday and for all your cards, love and support and for many of you actually coming to the funeral. The choir and music was just what he would have wanted and he would have loved the flowers and the spread afterwards – pork pies

were his favourite! It is wonderful to be a part of this Church family, and I give thanks daily to God for you all.

As I said both at Cafe church and at the funeral, I am sure it is no coincidence that I am here for such a time as this – rather it is a God- incidence. If you didn't know, my father was born in Potters Bar, living in Allandale Crescent and many of those who came to the funeral had connections with Potters Bar. It was lovely sitting in the limousine with my aunt and Dad's cousin and hearing them talk about where they used to walk, what was on various corners and even pointing out the house that they affectionately called Chop Cottage because it was in Mutton Lane! Apparently, when they were walking to school, if there was an air-raid siren, and they were over half-way there, they had to continue to school but if they were less than half-way they were to return home. My aunt, who I can't imagine ever breaking any rules (unlike my dad!) said they used to walk very slowly in the hope that the sirens would go off!!!

In Psalm 139 it says that when God knit us together in our mother's womb, he also wrote in his book all the days ordained for us before one of them came to be and I am absolutely sure he ordained for me to be here! In fact, I have written this week to Bishop Jane to thank her for being an instrumental part of God's plan for my life by suggesting last February that I go and read the Parish Profile – but more of that in my APCM report!

Last week, the Psalm set for the day was Psalm 23 and in my sermon I said that Hebrew scholars have discovered that if you look really carefully, you find that the very central line of the psalm with 26 phrases before and 26 phrases after it is are the words **for you are with me**, a great reminder that in the midst of whatever situation we find ourselves in God is there. He is there in the wilderness. He is there by the still water. He is there in the dark vales. He is there on the mountain tops. He is there when we are not quite sure which way to go. As Dave Tomlinson says in his book about Psalm 23 'Yes, there are forks in the road. There are choices to be made, and some choices are much better than others. But here is the good news: God is down every road. God owns all the roads and therefore we have nothing to fear'. I don't know about you, but I find that very reassuring.



I think sometimes we become so familiar with the words of the 23rd Psalm that we forget just how powerful and comforting it is and for that reason, I think it is important to read it in different versions and so below I have included the psalm in a variety of translations. I'd love to know which one speaks to you!

Rev Emma

God, my shepherd! I don't need a thing.
 You have bedded me down in lush meadows, you find me quiet pools to drink from.
 True to your word, you let me catch my breath and send me in the right direction.
 Even when the way goes through Death Valley, I'm not afraid when you walk at my side. Your trusty shepherd's crook makes me feel secure.
 You serve me a six-course dinner right in front of my enemies. You revive my drooping head; my cup brims with blessing. Your beauty and love chase after me every day of my life.
 I'm back home in the house of God for the rest of my life.

The Message

You, Lord, are my shepherd. I will never be in need. You let me rest in fields of green grass. You lead me to streams of peaceful water, and you refresh my life. You are true to your name, and you lead me along the right paths.
 I may walk through valleys as dark as death, but I won't be afraid.
 You are with me, and your shepherd's rod makes me feel safe.
 You treat me to a feast while my enemies watch. You honour me as your guest, and you fill my cup until it overflows. Your kindness and love will always be with me each day of my life, and I will live forever in your house, Lord.

Contemporary English Version

Yahweh is my best friend and my shepherd.
 I always have more than enough.
 He offers a resting place for me in his luxurious love.
 His tracks take me to an oasis of peace near the quiet brook of bliss. That's where he restores and revives my life. He opens before me the right path and leads me along in his footsteps of righteousness so that I can bring honour to his name.
 Even when your path takes me through the valley of deepest darkness, fear will never conquer me, for you already have! Your authority is my strength and my peace. The comfort of your love takes away my fear.
 I'll never be lonely, for you are near.
 You become my delicious feast even when my enemies dare to fight.
 You anoint me with the fragrance of your Holy Spirit;
 you give me all I can drink of you until my cup overflows. So why would I fear the future?
 Only goodness and tender love pursue me all the days of my life. Then afterward, when my life is through, I'll return to your glorious presence to be forever with you!



The Passion Translation

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 2 May	0830 Churches Together Breakfast Prayers at St John's Methodist Church, Baker Street, EN6 2DZ
Sunday 3 May	1230 Christening of Kiara Bethany Hartland-Hughes
Tuesday 5 May	PLEASE NOTE no 1000 Eucharist today
Sunday 10 May	1500 Messy Church
Wednesday 13 May	1930 PCC Meeting
Thursday 14 May	1930 Ascension Day service at KCM with St Mary's
Sunday 24 May	0900 Said communion service 1030 Joint Service for Pentecost
Sunday 31 May	1045 Cafe Church 1600 Worship discovery Afternoon

Safeguarding Awareness: Following on from Earth Day last week, we have now entered no-mow May! This is a good opportunity to safe-guard wildlife and to give spring plants a chance to set seed before the first cutting, making for healthier, more diverse lawns, as we take seriously our responsibilities under the five marks of mission to care for creation. Our calling to care for creation is rooted in scripture and in our mission as Christians. Taking practical steps like this is part of our faithful response.

Eco Tip Easter 5: Global overheating and extreme weather is already affecting all areas of our lives, even in the UK. The People's Emergency Briefing shows that we ignore it at our peril, but there is still time to turn things around. Hundreds of community groups are screening this film- find one near you! <https://www.nebriefing.org/>



St George's Day: It was great to be able to join in with both St George's day events that were happening on Sunday. A lively service was held at the Methodist Church where our Rainbows, Brownies and Guides had great fun answering quiz questions on animals although



there were no dragon questions, listening to a bible reading, singing and renewing their promises whilst the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts had a parade at Elm Court. Here I was able to join the Potters Bar Iman on the stage and give a few words before blessing those who were there. This was followed by a lovely afternoon of games and refreshments. Thank you to everyone who was involved in organising these events for our young people.

Prayer – Week beginning 3 May

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 world today, praying for peace and hope to abound especially in countries that are affected by natural disasters including floods, droughts and forest fires and for those who are in areas of conflict particularly in the Middle East. Pray also for those affected by the global food crisis.

Those who live in: Updale Close, Vicarage Close, Warrengate Farm Bungalows and Farm Cottage

The recently departed: Margaret Scheuber, Margaret Bowers, and any others known to us personally.

Anniversary of death: Henry Callcut, Jim Cogdale 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 10 May – Easter 6

Readings: Genesis 8.20-9.17, Acts 17.22-31, Psalm 66.7-end, John 14.15-21

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Music: 390 (tune 493) Jesus, where'er thy people meet, 341 Blest are the pure in heart, 265 Lord of beauty, thine the splendour, 342 (tune 178) Breathe on me, Breath of God, 420 O Jesus, I have promised

1100 Morning Worship

Officiant: Revd Emma
Churchwarden: Phil T
Musicians: Lauren T and Maureen T
Readers: Peter S
Intercessor: Gary D
Welcomers: David H, Sue T
Powerpoint: David D

Music: 23 A new commandment, Jesus Christ is waiting, 492 There is a redeemer, This is my body, 246 I, the Lord of sea and sky, 936 Over all the earth

1500 Messy Church

Community: a home for all

Officiant: Revd Emma



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KCM Quiz Night. Didn't we have a great night! Thank you to Mavis and Bill for being great quiz and score masters, to Lynn for the raffle, and to everyone who helped in anyway on the night. Thank you to those who came. The quiz raised £738 which is great. Well done to the winning team, who incidentally won on a tie-break question. Commiserations to the team who just missed out on the win!

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**

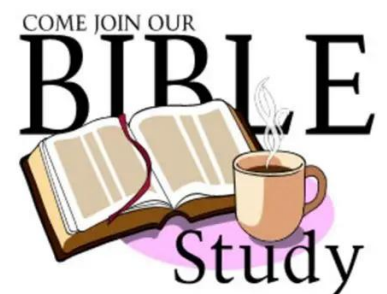


Worship Discovery Afternoon.

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. A big thank you to everyone who sponsored Jeremy and Martin. They raised over £3,000 each for their respective charities- VICTA and Chance to Shine. Well done to both of them. Helen and John



APCM reports. Thank you to those who have already sent in their reports. If you haven't yet, it is now past the deadline and their submission is urgent.

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.

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

SHIPWRECKED

BOOKING NOW OPEN

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

<https://cclh.churchsuite.com/events/po7pz0mp>

For Primary Aged Children School Years 1-6 – £30
Teens – School Years 7-12 – Free

Logos: Potters Bar Churches Holiday Club, faith to kids, Scripture Union



Tesco Blue Tokens. Our turn as one of the charity groups being collected for has now ended. Thank you to all those who popped their tokens in the box over the past few months. We will let you know the outcome when we hear back from them.

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



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Churches Together Potters Bar

Saturday Morning Prayer 2026

Join us at 8.30am on the first Saturday of each month as we pray for the Churches and Community of Potters Bar. Meetings last about 45 mins followed by breakfast.

Saturday 2 May	St John's Methodist Church 47 Baker Street, EN6 2DZ
Saturday 6 June	St Giles Church Blanche Ln South Mymms, EN6 3PE
Saturday 4 July	Christ Church Little Heath Great North Road. EN6 1JN
Saturday 1 August	St Giles Church Blanche Ln South Mymms, EN6 3PE
Saturday 5 September	King Charles the Martyr 368 Mutton Lane. EN6 3AS
Saturday 3 October	St Mary and All Saints The Walk, EN6 1QQ
Saturday 7 November	Our Lady & St Vincent 243 Mutton Lane, EN6 2AT
Saturday 5 December	United Reformed Church Darkes Lane

www.ctpb.org.uk