



Church of King Charles the Martyr
NOTICES
Sunday 10 May
Sixth 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
Churchwarden: Bill S
Musicians: Adrian and Choir
Readers: Judith R
Intercessor: Sue T
Chalice: Maureen T
Welcomers: Steve J

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

Thursday 14 May – Ascension Day 1930

Together with our friends from St Mary's, we will be celebrating Ascension Day at a sung communion service at KCM at 1930 on Thursday 14 May.

Ascension Day is an important day in the church calendar as it is the day that Jesus returned to heaven and completed the work of our salvation, guaranteeing the eventual glorification of all who love Him.

The service will be followed by prosecco and sparklers.

Readings for Sunday 10 May Sixth Sunday of Easter

Collect

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy;
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.

Genesis 8.20-9.17 – *page 10*

Acts 17.22-31 – *page 113*

Psalm 66.7-end

John 14.15-21 – *page 1082*

Post Communion

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Family News: It was a joy to baptise Kiara Hartland Hughes on Sunday and to welcome her into the family of the church. Please continue to pray for her, her brother Jayden and her parents Lauren and Chris, especially as they prepare for their wedding in July.



If you, or someone in your family, has not been baptised – why not have a conversation with Revd Emma about it or if you have been baptised and are considering confirmation, please also talk to her as we are hoping to host a confirmation service here at KCM at some point in the near future. This is what we as the church are called to do as our reading from Acts a few weeks ago reminded us: *‘They (meaning the early church) devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer ... and the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved’.*

Margaret Bowers: Some of you have been asking about a funeral date for Margaret. The family are planning a small gathering on her birthday (27 May) and will let us know further details once they are confirmed. Please keep the family in your prayers at this time.

Dates for your diary and for prayer

Each week our worship follows this pattern

Tuesday morning	<i>1000 Eucharist</i>
Wednesday morning	<i>Please take a few minutes to pray for our community</i>
Sunday morning	<i>0930 Sung Eucharist; 1100 Morning Worship</i>
Sunday 10 May	<i>1500 Messy Church</i>
Wednesday 13 May	<i>1930 PCC Meeting</i>
Thursday 14 May	<i>1930 Ascension Day service at KCM with St Mary’s</i>
Sunday 24 May	<i>0900 Said communion service 1030 Joint Service for Pentecost</i>
Sunday 31 May	<i>1045 Cafe Church 1600 Worship discovery Afternoon</i>

Musings from the vicarage



For the past ten years, there has been a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus. Since it began in May 2016, TKC (Thy Kingdom Come) has grown and it now unites more than a million Christians in prayer, in nearly 90% of countries worldwide, across 85 different denominations and traditions. During the 11 days between Ascension and Pentecost, everyone is encouraged to pray for 5 people who they would love to come to know Jesus as their saviour.

This year, the theme is 'God with us' because as those behind the campaign say, God is with us in the everyday – in the joys and sorrows of life (and everything in between) and He is the who, through his spirit, longs to reveal Himself to those who do not yet know him. Over the 11 days, in their materials, which are available here [TKC Novena 2026 DIGITAL_0.pdf](#), from the story of Ruth to the story of Gideon, from the story of Elijah to the story of the early church who waited for the promised Holy Spirit to come, they demonstrate God's transformative presence, power and love at work in the lives of people and places. I wonder who would be the five people that you would pray for – maybe members of your family, your friends, colleagues, neighbours – to experience the life-changing love of God and choose to follow him.



Loving Father,
in the face of Jesus Christ
your light and glory have blazed forth.
Send your Holy Spirit that I may share with my friends
(here, name your friends)
the life of your Son and your love for all.
Strengthen me as a witness to that love
as I pledge to pray for them,
for your name's sake. Amen.

Around the Church building, during this period, I will be setting up some prayer stations which will reflect on these themes and give us all the opportunity to pray for our five. There will be an opportunity on Sunday 17 May to write the Christian names of those you are praying for on tags, and all of these will be prayed for each morning the following week (18 – 23 May) at morning prayer, which I will be saying at 9:00 each day in Church – everyone is welcome to join me.

David, so eloquently reminded us on Sunday that in John 14; 1 – 14 Jesus provides the answers to all the big questions that those who don't yet have a personal relationship with Jesus want to know because He is the way, the truth and the life. And surely because we have discovered this for ourselves, we want all those who we love and care for to know it too. So, let's commit to praying earnestly for five people between Ascension and Pentecost and hold on to Jesus' promise that whatever we ask for in His name, He will do – and that includes working in the lives of those who we are praying for. My Mum prayed earnestly for my cousin Mark to find Jesus and it wasn't until he was diagnosed with terminal cancer over 20 years after she died that those prayers were answered, but answered they were as before he died, he came to faith and I know there was great rejoicing in Heaven that day.



Rev Emma

Prayer – Week beginning 10 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: those who are to be confirmed at St Mary's Potters Bar next Sunday and for all known to us who are exploring faith and the next step in their journey. Pray that we would all hold firm to our baptismal vows.

Those who live in: Wellesley Crescent, Windmore Avenue, Wroxham Gardens

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

Anniversary of death: John Rowley, Maureen Savage, Yvonne Owen, Nora Hipgrave, Brian Hughes, those who died in the Potters Bar Rail Crash of 2002, 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 17 May – Easter 7

Readings: Ezekiel 36.24-28, Acts 1.6-14, Psalm 68.1-10,32-end, John 17.1-11

0930 Sung Eucharist

Officiant: Revd Emma-Jane Wilkinson
Churchwarden: Bill S
Musicians: Simon and Choir
Readers: Nicola T
Intercessor: Sue T
Chalice: David T
Welcomers: Lynn J

Music: 332 (omit * verses) All hail the power of Jesu's name, 443 Rejoice, the Lord is King, 296 (1st tune) Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour, 271 Alleluya, sing to Jesus

Anthem: Let thy merciful ears – Mudd

1100 Morning Worship

Officiant: Revd Emma
Churchwarden: Phil T
Musicians: Simon and Singers
Readers: Lauren T
Intercessor: Peter S
Welcomers: Ro A, Jenny D
Powerpoint: David H

Music: 330 Lord, I lift your name on high, 8 All heaven declares, 103 Father we love you, 367 My Jesus, my Saviour, 368 My life is in you Lord, 438 Rejoice, rejoice



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Flowers. This week the flowers have kindly been donated by Joy Rowley, in memory of her husband John who is greatly missed by all at KCM. If you would like to donate towards the flowers to remember a loved one or for a special occasion, please sign the list at the back of church or speak to Steve or Judith.

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. Thank you to everyone for signing the sheet at the back of church giving your preferences for Bible Study groups. It would seem that there is a lot of interest in both a Tuesday morning and evening group, so I will put forward some dates to start in June. However, on 19 May, there will be a one-off study based on the Thy Kingdom Come materials at both 10:45 after the morning communion service and at 19:30 in the vicarage. Everyone welcome.



APCM. Our APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) on 27 May at 1900 is fast approaching. This is a very important meeting in the life of our church as we give thanks to God for the past year and look towards all that is to come. We would love you all to join us and we promise that it won't be a boring evening! The cafe team have very kindly agreed to pay for us to have a fish and chip supper (other options available including vegetarian and gluten free). If you would like to come, please sign the sheet at the back of church, indicating your food choice. We look forward to seeing you there.

Is God calling you to be a PCC (Parochial Church Council) member?

Every Anglican church has some elected members who serve as both trustees and key decision makers, helping to oversee the mission, governance, finances and resources of the parish. As a group, known as the PCC, who meet on the first Wednesday of every month for about 2 hours (including refreshments and often visits to the pub at the end of the meeting) they are responsible for promoting the mission of the church, working alongside the vicar to ensure that the church's vision and mission are effectively implemented and that the parish community is supported in its spiritual and practical needs. Their role includes involvement with pastoral care, evangelism, social outreach and ecumenical activities. We currently have some vacancies on our PCC and we would love these to be filled. So please do prayerfully consider if this is something that God is calling you to do, and if you are interested to find out more, please speak to one of the existing members or to David or Emma. We would love to have you on board.

Could you be one of our Church Wardens?

Here at KCM we are blessed with our current Church Wardens, Bill and Phil both of whom do sterling work to keep our church running and to keep the vicar on the straight and narrow! Both Bill and Phil have served in this way for a number of



years, and both would like someone else to take over for the coming year. Churchwardens have important legal responsibilities within the church, but I think more importantly, they have a vital spiritual, pastoral and missional role to play within the life of the Church. I would urge you all to pray about whether this is something that God might be calling you to do and to talk to Bill and Phil to find out more. An outline of the role is included below. As a PCC and

church, please be praying that God will prompt those He wants to serve in this way.

Revd Emma

The Role and Duties of a Churchwarden

Churchwardens have important legal responsibilities, but the office also has a vital spiritual, pastoral and mission dimension – the duty is to be foremost among the laity in the life and mission of the Church in the parish.

The churchwardens' main duties are summarised in Canon E1 paragraphs 4 and 5. Under those paragraphs, once churchwardens take up their office, they:

- are the officers of the bishop (not the incumbent or PCC) (E1.4);
- must be the foremost in representing the laity and co-operating with the incumbent (E1.4);
- must use their best endeavours by example and precept to encourage the parishioners in the practice of true religion and to promote unity and peace among them (E1.4);
- must discharge the duties assigned to them by law and custom (E1.4). (Examples of this are their duties in relation to the offerings or collections in the church, and the duties imposed on them by Part 3 [49 & 50] of the Care of Church and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 2018 in relation to the church building and the land and articles belonging to it);
- must maintain order and decency in the church and churchyard, especially during the time of divine service (E1.4); and
- hold the title to the movable goods of the church, must keep an inventory of those goods and keep it up to date, and must hand over the goods to their successors, who must check the inventory (E1.5).

The role of a churchwarden can be described formally as in the Canons (see above) but the role is one that is expressed through a series of important relationships; with God, with other members of the congregation, with the bishop and the vicar, and with the wider community.

Most importantly they must be:

- A person of Christian faith and conviction
- A person of prayer
- Willing to be involved in the life of the Church and the community
- Willing to engage with change
- Willing to take a leadership role in the mission and ministry of the church
- Willing to delegate where appropriate to other members of the church community and not feel they must do everything themselves.

- Able to be themselves and not feel that they must be the same as others who have held the role in the past – it is a role to make your own, using the gifts that God has given you.

To find out more, please speak to Revd Emma.

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

Safeguarding Awareness: The rise of antisemitism in our country and our local area, with the stabbing of two individuals in Golders Green last Wednesday, is very concerning and I am sure we stand with the Bishops of Chelmsford, Gloucester, Norwich and Southwark who in a recent statement said ‘Antisemitism has no place in our world and no place in our Church, and it is incumbent on each of us to combat this growing threat ... We share with our Jewish brothers and sisters the conviction that all men and women are made in the image of God and are to be honoured as such; it follows that an attack on Britain’s Jewish community is an attack on us all, whatever our faith or belief ... At this time of heightened vulnerability amongst British Jews, it is more important than ever for us to extend the hand of friendship and solidarity, and to offer all the reassurance and support that we can’.



Eco Tip Easter 6: If you're visiting a city by car, try and use a park and ride scheme to reduce congestion and pollution in the city centre.

Potters Bar Food Bank

Thank you to everyone who has recently donated to the Food Bank. They are always so grateful for our donations. When John took the items in this week, they said that they are particularly in need of milk, biscuits, tinned fruit and toilet roll. John says he is looking forward to the toilet roll mountain in the Link corridor!

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.

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

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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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