



Church of King Charles the Martyr
NOTICES
Sunday 17 May
Seventh 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: 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: Ed S

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

**PLEASE NOTE: Next Sunday, 24 May, for Pentecost,
we have a joint service starting at 10:30
Come wearing something flame coloured!**

Readings for Sunday 17 May

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Collect

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Acts 1.6-14 – page 1092

Psalm 68.1-10,32-end

John 17.1-11 – page 1085

Post Communion

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Tuesday 19 May

1030 Eucharist – please note change in time

Sunday 24 May

0900 Said communion service

1030 Joint Service for Pentecost

Sunday 31 May

1045 Cafe Church

1600 Worship discovery Afternoon

Musings from the vicarage

On Monday night, I went to the installation of Rev Sharon at St James New Barnet and Bishop Jane was preaching on the passage from Deuteronomy where Moses is giving his last instructions to the Israelites before they enter the promised land. He instructs them to place the words, which are known as the Shema, on their hearts and to share them with their children and their children's children. These words are: *Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.*

Bishop Jane challenged us to think about what is at the very heart of our faith – what it is that we hold onto in our darkest and most challenging moments, what keeps us keeping on. For me it is God's faithfulness and the promise that he who has called me is faithful and the verses from Lamentations 3: that say, *'The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness'*.



For Julian of Norwich, whose feast day was celebrated last Friday, it was the love of God. When Julian was 30 years old in 1373, she was suffering from what was considered a terminal illness and on the 8 May that year, she called for a priest to perform her last rites. However, instead of dying, she received a series of sixteen visions, primarily of Christ on the Cross, revealing aspects of the love of God, and she was miraculously healed. Following her recovery, she spent the next twenty years of her life meditating in prayer upon the things she had seen, recording her reflections in a book called, *The Revelations of Divine Love*, becoming the first woman to publish a book in the English language.

At some point she became what was known as an anchoress attached to the Church of St Julian in Norwich, from which she took her name. She lived in a small cell built on the side of the church, in almost complete solitude. The cell had two windows – one which looked into the church sanctuary so that she could participate in public worship and receive communion. The other looked out onto the street, so that people could come to her to receive prayer and counsel. For her these two windows were symbolic of a life lived between the church and the city, heaven and earth, God and humanity.

For a few moments I invite you to imagine you are in her cell and to first imagine yourself looking through the window that looks into the church. As we come towards our APCM it is important that we consider what it is that God is calling us to, what he is asking us to put down and what to take up. It is vital that we all pray that God will prompt people, maybe you, to put themselves forward for the PCC and as Church Wardens so I wonder who or what you see as you look through that window, and what is God saying to you. And then, I invite you to imagine looking through the window which looks out into our community.

As we considered on Sunday, we as the church are the body of Christ here on earth, channels of his love. Julian would encourage us to pray faithfully for our community and to ask God to stir up in us a deeper desire to pray for the people in it so that we see with God's eyes and respond with his love and grace. I wonder who you see through that window and what God is laying on your heart – why don't you talk to him about it.

And then finally, I invite you to turn your gaze away from either of the windows into the middle of the room - a place where Julian spent many hours in solitude praying for herself. Why don't you use this beautiful prayer which Julian wrote and make it your own:

Lord, let not our souls be busy inns that have no room for thee or thine, but quiet homes of prayer and praise, where thou mayest find fit company, where the needful cares of life are wisely ordered and put away. And wide, sweet spaces kept for thee. Where holy thoughts pass up and down and fervent longings watch and wait thy coming. Amen

Rev'd Emma



Thy Kingdom Come begins today. It is a global prayer movement which is explained more in this video [Thy Kingdom Come 2026 Trailer - YouTube](#). The Everyday Faith app that we used during Lent is also following the themes of Thy Kingdom Come for the next ten days along with the Thy Kingdom Come app which can be downloaded from your APP store or the reflections are downloadable here: [TKC Novena 2026 DIGITAL_0.pdf](#). I have put a few copies at the back of church. I will be in church at 9:00 Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday next week for morning prayer and will be praying for those we are praying for to come to faith and for the Holy Spirit to come on us as a church - please do join me.

Prayer – Week beginning 17 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: five people who you would like to come to know Jesus as their personal saviour as part of the Thy Kingdom Come campaign this year.

Those who live in: Wyllyotts Close, Wyllyotts Lane

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

Anniversary of death: Dorothy Flude, Frances Lewis 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. If you wish to see a copy of the Parish Prayer Policy then please contact the office.

Family News

Many congratulations to Susan and Chris Warren, who are celebrating their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 21 May. What a great expression of love. As we pray for them, lets also pray for Marc Thomas Stephenson and Eleanor Jane McEneaney whose banns we are currently reading, that their marriage may be as long lasting.

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.

Coming up in church and on Facebook

Sunday 24 May – Pentecost

Readings: Acts 2.1-21 Psalm 104, I Corinthians 12.3b-13, John 20.19-23

0900 Said Eucharist

Officiant: Revd Emma-Jane Wilkinson
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1030 Joint Service

Officiant: Revd Emma
Churchwarden: Phil T
Musicians: Simon, Choir and Singers
Readers: John S / Phil T
Intercessor: Jean B / Emma K
Chalice: Robert B
Welcomers: Steve and Ann D
Powerpoint: David H

Music: 137 (NEH) Come down, O love divine, 431 (NEH) O thou who camest from above, 181 Holy Spirit, we welcome you, 140 (NEH) Holy Spirit, come, confirm us

Anthem: Come, Holy Ghost – Attwood

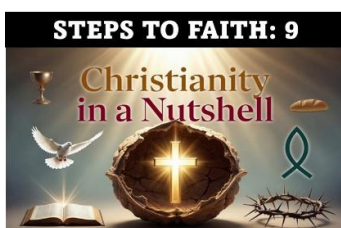
Sunday 31 May – Café Church

At our next Café Church, David will be continuing our Steps to Faith series by explaining Christianity in a Nutshell – so come and find out what is at the core of our faith. Everyone, whatever age, is welcome to join us at 10:45 for coffee and pastries in the main hall. Café church is an informal way of doing church together and you would be most welcome.



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

Sunday 31st May
KCM Church Main Hall 10.45



Prof David Thomson

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Electoral Roll. Thank you to everyone who has joined our electoral roll this year and to Maureen T for collating it for us. It will now be published and displayed at the back of church with names only. If you want to check your details, a full list is available in the office or on a Sunday morning with Maureen.



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 19:30 in the vicarage. Everyone welcome.



Candles in the prayer area. Tealights are available in our prayer area for anyone to light when praying. Please could we ask that when lighting them, you use the lighter provided and not the oil candles if they are lit. The reason for this is that the wax drips on to the candles and seals the wick in place so that it is difficult to refill them with oil. Many thanks. Lynn J

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, or email**

the office 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: This week is Mental Health awareness week and this year they are asking people to join in taking action to support good mental health. The organisers say, 'Even small actions can help us all feel hopeful and less powerless. And while our individual actions matter, when we come together, we are even more powerful'.

There are lots of suggestions of actions that you can take for yourself, for someone else or for all of us on their website: [Take action this Mental Health Awareness Week | Mental Health Foundation](https://mentalhealth.org.uk/aware) including this wheel to spin with small random actions to give us some ideas to get us started.



Eco Tip Easter 7: Save energy and costs when baking jacket potatoes by starting them for a few minutes in the microwave and just finishing them in the oven or air fryer to crisp the outside.

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 where the collection boxes are! 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 open on Monday and Thursday between 9am and 12 noon. Outside of these hours email and calls are monitored but please be aware it may take a few days to get back to you. Alternatively, you can contact our vicar, Revd Emma on 01707 661266 or 07549516589 or vicar@kcm-church.org.uk

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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Youth Worker	Vacant	youth@
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For all hall enquires please email Imogen or Nikki using the halls address www.kcm-church.org.uk or by phone 01707665579 and leave a message, and they will respond as soon as they can.

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