



Church of King Charles the Martyr
NOTICES
Sunday 21 June
Trinity 3



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: Caroline W from Compassion UK
Churchwarden: Helen and John S
Musicians: Simon and Choir
Readers: Brenda W
Intercessor: David T
Chalice: Robert B
Welcomers: Jean B

Music: 119 The strife is o'er (tune 107 and omit * verses), 359 Fight the good fight with all thy might, 74 O for a heart to praise my God, 440 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (omit * verses)

Anthem: How beautiful upon the mountains – Stainer

1100 Morning Worship

Officiant: Revd Emma-Jane Wilkinson
Preacher: Caroline W from Compassion UK
Churchwarden: Elouise N
Musicians: Simon and Singers
Readers: Gary D
Intercessor: Emma K
Welcomers: Ann D, David H
Powerpoint: Ed S

Music: 4 Alleluia, Alleluia, 265 I will offer up my life, 270 I will worship, 96 Father in heaven, 118 Give thanks with a grateful heart, 299 Jesus, we celebrate your victory

Readings for Sunday 21 June

Trinity 3

Collect

Almighty God,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts
whereby we call you Father:
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,
that we and all creation may be brought
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;
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 21.8-21 – *page 21*

Psalm 86.1-10, 16-end [or 86.1-10]

Romans 6.1b-11 – *page 1132*

Matthew 10.24-39 – *page 975*

Post Communion

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining
and whose power we cannot comprehend:
show us your glory as far as we can grasp it,
and shield us from knowing more than we can bear
until we may look upon you without fear;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Family News

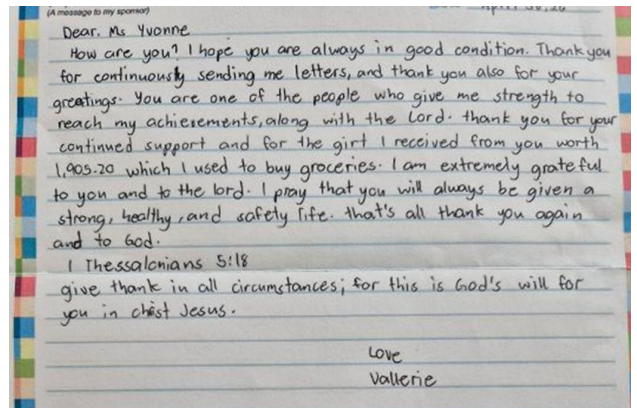
Archdeacon Visitation: As you know, Bill Simpson has been elected as Church Warden for the coming year. On **Monday 29 June 2026** at Ware, Christ Church, New Rd, Ware SG12 7BS at 7.30pm there is a special service where the Archdeacon gives a resume of the year and where Bill will be, along with others who are taking on this important role, commissioned as Warden for the year by Archdeacon Janet. It would be great if members of our church family were able to go to this service to support Bill. If you are interested but need transport, please speak to Bill or Emma.

Visiting Speaker from Compassion UK This Sunday (21 June) we have a visiting speaker from Compassion UK. When they visited 10 years ago, one of our congregation Yvonne, was so moved that she decided to sponsor a child. This is how she describes her experience of doing so:

Dear Church family

10 years ago, someone from Compassion came to our church and gave a talk on sponsoring a child. The talk touched me. At the end of the service, I spoke to a member of the Compassion team and said I wanted to sponsor a child. I was asked to choose a child from the many faces on a board.

I looked at the faces, and Vallerie, the child I sponsor, stood out from the rest. I guess we chose each other, and it's such a joy. We exchanged letters throughout the years, from receiving Sunday school drawings to passing an important exam to enter the senior school. She is getting a good education and receiving health screening for the whole family. I believe that if one child in the family is educated, they can teach their siblings and maybe a village.



Without action, there is no glory from God; we are the hands and feet of Christ in the world. Let the Holy Spirit be our guide. Amen.

Love prayers and blessings
Yvonne

As a church we currently support two children and this is the difference we have made since the sponsorship started – come and hear more about the difference we can make at the services on Sunday.



Musings from the vicarage

In our diocese we are now in Albantide as on Monday we remember Britain's first saint and martyr, Alban. We know his story because of the writings of the Venerable Bede, someone who we thought about in our bible study group the other week. The story goes, that during the persecution of Christians in Roman Britain, a Christian priest (**who we know today as Amphibalus although Bede did not name him**) was fleeing from the authorities. Alban, who was not yet a Christian, gave the priest shelter in his home and while he was staying with him, Alban was impressed by the priest's faith, prayer, and holiness. As a result, Alban became a Christian and was instructed in the Christian faith.

When soldiers arrived to arrest the priest, Alban put on the priest's cloak and presented himself in the priest's place, allowing the priest to escape. However, this deception was soon discovered by the governor who, when Alban was brought before him, said that if Alban offered sacrifices to the pagan gods he could go free. Alban refused and declared that he was a Christian and, as recorded by Bede, said: "I worship and adore the true and living God, who created all things." At that point, the governor became angry and ordered Alban to be scourged, hoping he would renounce his faith, but Alban remained steadfast and so was sentenced to death by beheading.



According to Bede, as Alban was being led to the place of execution, a large crowd caused delays in crossing a river, so Alban prayed, and the river miraculously parted, allowing him and the crowd to cross. The executioner who witnessed this miracle was so moved that he threw down his sword and also declared himself a Christian, causing another executioner to be appointed. He himself was also martyred soon after Alban.

When Alban reached the summit of a hill, he prayed for water because he was thirsty and according to Bede a spring immediately burst forth from the ground. Finally, Alban was beheaded and Bede records that the executioner who carried out the sentence was struck blind as Alban died. Over time, the beautiful cathedral that is now the centre of our diocese was built over the spot where

Alban was executed and if you go and visit you can see the shrines of both St Alban and St Amphibalus, or if you go this weekend, you can join the pilgrimage that reenacts this story.

In her Abbey devotion this week, Dean Jo, encourages us to think about two things: Firstly, who inspires or has inspired us to go deeper in our faith because in them we see the love of God? Then secondly, who needs us to stand up with courage for justice? She closes by saying, 'Inspired by those who call us deeper into faith may we similarly be inspired to serve God's world as Alban did'.

So let us all pray the Alban prayer and commit to be faithful witnesses to Christ.

Among the roses of the martyrs brightly shines Saint Alban.

Almighty God, we thank you for this place built to your glory and in memory of Alban, our first martyr:

Following his example in the fellowship of the saints, may we worship and adore the true and living God, and be faithful witnesses to the Christ, who is alive and reigns, now and forever.

Pray for us Alban,

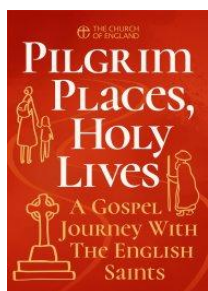
pray for us all saints of God.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Amen



Revd Emma



Bible Study Groups. Thank you to everyone who came to our bible study groups this week where we looked at St Bertha of Kent and The Venerable Bede and thought about how we are all pilgrims on a journey towards God. The dates of the rest of our studies are below - please do come and join us. Next time we will be looking at St Cedd and St Cuthbert of Lindesfarne. Everybody is welcome to join us. **We will meet on Tuesdays at either 10:45 following the morning communion or 7:30 at the vicarage on Tuesdays 23rd June, 7th July and 21st July.** Each session stands alone, so please feel free to come to one or more as you are able.

Prayer – Week beginning 21 June

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: Cafe Church on Sunday 28 June where people will be sharing their testimonies and we will be thinking about taking the step of faith. Pray for all who are on the verge of taking that step.

Those who live in: Cambridge Drive, Clive Close, Cranborne Close

The recently departed: Ann Osborne, Graham Leonard, and any others known to us personally.

Anniversary of death: George Postlethwaite, May Oakley, Chere Hunter, Peter Turner, Miriam Bentley 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. 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. 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.**

Potters Bar Food Bank

Thank you to everyone who has recently donated to the Food Bank. They are always so grateful for our donations. Currently, they are particularly in need of milk, biscuits, tinned fruit and toilet roll.

Please leave your donations in the boxes in the Link Corridor.

Access to the foodbank is by referral, please speak to local clergy in confidence.

Coming up in church and on Facebook

Sunday 28 June – Trinity 4

Readings: Genesis 22.1-14, Psalm 13, Romans 6.12-end, Matthew 10.40-end

0930 Sung Eucharist

Officiant: Revd Emma-Jane Wilkinson
Churchwarden: PCC Member
Musicians: TBC and Choir
Readers: Jean B
Intercessor: Sue T
Chalice: Steve J
Welcomers: Lynn J

Music: 484 (tune 167, omit *verses) The Church's one foundation, 172 (tune 443) Thou art the Christ, O Lord, 378 Immortal love for ever full, 385 Jesu, the very thought of thee, 388 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

1100 Café Church

Taking that Step of Faith

Officiant: Prof David Thomson
Churchwarden: David Thomson
Readers: Ruth B
Intercessor: Peter S
Welcomers: Sue T



Prof David Thomson

Steps to Faith at Cafe Church: At Cafe Church this month we will be thinking about taking the step of faith, and members of our church family will be sharing their own stories. For many this is the hardest thing to do, so let's pray for all those who have been challenged by this series so far that they will be able to take the next step and give their lives to Jesus. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Dates for your diary and for prayer

Each week our worship follows this pattern

Monday morning	0900 Morning Prayer
Tuesday morning	1000 Eucharist
Wednesday morning	Please take a few minutes to pray for our community
Thursday morning	0900 Morning Prayer
Sunday morning	0930 Sung Eucharist; 1100 Morning Worship
Saturday 20 June	1000 Holiday Club Safeguarding Training 1100 St Albans Pilgrimage starting at St Peter's Church 1200 Pilgrimage Eucharist, St Albans Abbey
Sunday 28 June	1100 Café Church
Monday 29 June	1930 Archdeacon visitation Christ Church Ware
Saturday 11 July	1400 Vicarage Garden Party

Safeguarding Awareness: The Church of England is currently running a campaign reminding us of the importance of taking seriously safeguarding disclosures, remembering that the four Rs - Recognise, Respond, Record and Refer - are not tick-boxes; they are a framework that helps us act justly and compassionately, ensuring that concerns are taken seriously and passed to those who can help keep people safe. Bishop Richard, the lead bishop for safeguarding in introducing the materials says, 'Safeguarding in the Church of England is not simply about compliance with guidance or completing the right forms. It is about people and for those of us who seek to follow Jesus, it is about how we live our faith. It's Not Just Policy, It's Personal is a timely reminder that at the heart of every safeguarding concern is a human being who has taken a brave and often costly step in speaking about harm'.



Eco Tip Trinity 3: Remember to stay hydrated in the warm weather- cucumber (95% water) and other vegetables and fruit, as well as ice lollies and jelly can aid hydration along with drinking water and herb teas!

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Potters Bar Choral Society: This was an amazing concert, and it was so lovely to see the church full and being used in this way. Dave Miller (Chair) thanks us all for being 'such good hosts'.



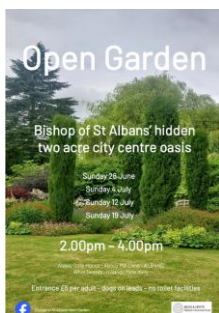
Potters Bar Carnival. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with the KCM stall at the carnival – making cakes, transporting tables, putting up gazebos, making cups of tea, encouraging people to make some bunting, clearing away at the end and all the other things that meant that we were able to be an active part in this community event. Make sure you look at the bunting that we made that is now displayed in the Link corridor. All in all, a wonderful day and just over £500 was raised for church funds.



Streaming our Services. Many people appreciate the fact that our services are streamed each week on our Facebook page, but we need more volunteers to learn how to do this and to work the sound desk for services. If this is something you would be interested in joining a rota please speak to either Emma or Bill so that we can arrange a convenient time for a training session.

Wanted – Disability Aids for Ukraine. Do you have any crutches, walking sticks, Zimmer frames, rollators etc that you no longer need? If so, then please let Stella know. Thank you.

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



Bishop's Garden Open days: Bishop Andrew has kindly agreed that his garden can be open to the public to raise money for the Herts and Beds Historic Churches Trust before he and his family move in. It will be open on Sunday 28 June, Saturday 4 July, Sundays 12 and 19 July. Admission £5 per adult. More information on the poster in the Link corridor.

St Albans Pilgrimage: On Saturday 20 June, we are invited to join with pilgrims from all over the diocese on the Alban Pilgrimage. The programme for the day is:

- 11.00am – Procession from St Peter's Church
- 12.00pm – Festival Eucharist
- Ecumenical services throughout the day
- Pilgrimage Evensong, concluding with a procession to the Shrine and the opportunity to lay red roses

Hertfordshire Show Band As you are probably aware, the Hertfordshire Show Band, which includes the Townsend family, are currently practicing very hard for a national competition that they are in next month. On Sunday 12 July they are inviting people from the locality to come and watch their final rehearsal at Oaklands school at 17:00. It would be great if a contingent from KCM went to support. Please keep the band in your prayers as they prepare for their trip.

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/UCbHtNFKZaN7fHV1kIL2tYUQ>

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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Music	Simon Worley	music@

For all hall enquires please email Imogen or Nikki using the halls address halls@kcm-church.org.uk or by phone 01707665579 and leave a message.

They will respond as soon as they can.

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