



Church of King Charles the Martyr

NOTICES

Sunday 2 August
Trinity 9



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

1030 Joint Service with Communion

Officiant:	Revd Emma-Jane Wilkinson
Preacher:	Prof David Thomson
Churchwarden:	Sue T
Musicians:	Simon
Readers:	Sue T
Intercessor:	Revd Emma
Chalice:	Steve J
Welcomers:	Jean B / David H
Powerpoint:	Ed S

Music: 436 (NEH) Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, 376 (NEH) I heard the voice of Jesus say, 58 Broken for me, broken for you, 447 Seek ye first, 609 You shall go out with joy

Readings

Collect

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
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.

Post Communion

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the table
of your Son
to share this meal with the whole
household of God:
in that new world where you reveal the
fullness of your peace,
gather people of every race and language
to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus
Christ our Lord.

Genesis 32.22-31 – page 36

Romans 9.1-5 – page 135

Matthew 14.13-21 – page 98

Musings from the Vicarage

Holiday Club has been based on the story of Jonah which has been one of my favourite stories ever since I was involved in a dramatic version of the story as part of a Girls Brigade display – I think if I remember rightly, I was Jonah! When I was at theological college, for one of my essays I wrote a meditation based on the book of Jonah, crafted around the hymn ‘The Summons’ and I thought I would share some of it with you as my musings this week. If you don’t know the hymn, you can listen to it here: [Will you come and follow me \(The Summons\)](#)



Will you come and follow me if I but call your name: Not again Lord. I’ve done that, surely it is someone else’s turn now? You need young blood, people who are on fire for you, not tired and jaded people like me who have followed your call and lived on the edge before. Surely it is now time for me to slow down and support others? I can pray; I can talk to people; I can lead bible studies; I can organise rotas; I can provide hospitality and so many other things that need doing just to keep your church going and to show your love for the people here. You can’t mean that you want me to go, to up-sticks and leave all this behind? If it was just up the road, then maybe I would consider it but there... to them... you must be kidding. I know what I’ll do. I’ll ignore the fact that I have heard you speak and will go on a cruise ... I deserve a break. It’s a bottom deck cabin, but that’s fine. In fact, it is perfect for me as I can hide away and sleep, become invisible and even God won’t bother me there.

Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?

What’s going on, the captain is at my door. What a storm? No, I hadn’t noticed – I can sleep like the dead. Why are you looking at me like that? How can this be anything to do with me? What do you want me to do? Pray! You’ve all been praying and you think I should as well. Why would my prayers be any different? Why is everyone looking at me and asking me questions? What do you know that I don’t? Oh – you think the storm is because of me because I am running away from something, because I shouldn’t be here. You are probably right – who was I kidding that I could run away from God and not be found? I’ve got a solution. I’ve had enough of life so why don’t you just throw me overboard. I promise you, if you do, the storm will cease. How do I know? Because my God created the world and controls it all. When He speaks, creation acts. It is the only thing you can do and don’t worry, there won’t be any repercussion for you, just blessing as the storm stops. Yes, my God is great. He will change your life and you will never be the same again if you run towards him and forget about me.



Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Well, this isn’t what I expected. I just wanted to die and now where am I? God – where are you? I can’t do this on my own and I am sorry that I tried to. I know you knew me and chose me even before I was born and you know my thoughts, my hurts, my regrets, my dreams and amazingly, you love me despite it all. You really love me and listen to me. You don’t ever give up on me, even when I give up on you. Right now, I can feel you with me and I know that I am not

alone. I'm frightened Lord of what I have become and yet I know you still love me. I'm not who people think I am and yet you love me unconditionally. I want to be different for you and to rekindle the joy and hope I had when I first encountered you and gave my life to you. I do want to share that with others so that they can know that salvation comes from you. Please, can we start again.

In your company I'll go, where your love and footsteps show. Ok let's go. I'm only doing this because you've given me a second chance and I don't want to blow it and you are only asking me to say eight words to everyone I meet. I can do this in your strength, knowing that you with me, showing me the way to go. It's the least I can do knowing that you have saved me and not given up on me. Deep down I can't imagine it will make any difference to them, and I don't understand why you care about them after all that they have done to your people. At least it should only take about three days if we run around together.

Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen Now look what's happened... they've repented, and you have relented. I know you are 'a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love' but how can you forgive THEM. They deserved to be destroyed. I am so angry and now the plant that was providing me with shade has died. Where will it end? What is happening to creation is disgraceful and the church needs to act before the planet is destroyed. This intense heat is an example of the climate crisis. It's just not fair.

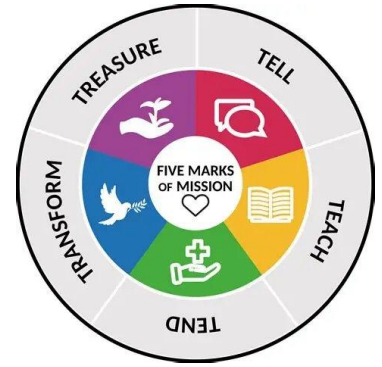


'My child, listen to yourself. You are showing more concern for a plant than for the thousands of people who need to be saved. I will redeem the whole of creation, but I need people like you to go into all the world and tell them of my love. So, I ask you again, will you 'use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, to let my love be shown, and let my name be known' so that all receive my grace?'

I wonder how you would answer that question? Rev'd Emma

Walking the Parish Boundary: On Monday 10 August, a group of us will be walking for the first time, a new walk that Robin has put together around the edge of our parish. If you would like to join us we will be leaving after morning prayer and think it will take about 3 1/2 hours and will be back at KCM for lunch! Please see Robin for more details.

Bible Study Groups. Thank you to all those who have attended our bible study groups over the last few weeks. It has been great to travel with the Saints and discover more about what it means to be a pilgrim and live a holy life. A new series of bible studies will begin in the Autumn where we will be looking at the Five Marks of Mission. Watch this space for more details.



Summer Cameos – over the summer many of our activities rightly stop so that the volunteers can have a much-needed rest. However, for many, August can be a long and lonely month, so during August I will be running a weekly **CAMEO** session which anyone is welcome to attend. **CAMEO** stands for – **Come and Meet Each Other!** Please feel free to invite friends and neighbours, or anyone who you know is on their own and could do with somewhere to go. It would be great to have one or two people to help me with each of the sessions or to provide cakes, and if this is something that you feel called to do, then there is a sign-up sheet at the back of church.

**Come and enjoy a cuppa, some cake and a chat
on Thursday's in August**

6 August - 1400 - 1600
13 August - 1000 - 1200
20 August - 1400 - 1600
27 August - 1000 - 1200

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Family Fun Afternoon – On Wednesday 12 August and Wednesday 26 August in the Margaret Old Hall, we will be holding a family fun afternoon from 1:30 – 3:00. There will be toys for little ones to play with and crafts for the older ones, along with a cup of tea for carers and parents. Everyone welcome.

Prayer – Week beginning 2 August

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: all those going on holiday during August that it will be a time of great refreshment and time to slow down and spend time with God. Pray for all affected by the forest fires that have been raging throughout Europe and for all who are finding this continuing hot weather difficult.

Those who live in: Neville Close, Oakfield Close, Ormesby Drive

Those who are known to us and in need of our prayers

Those with longer term needs

The recently departed

Anniversary of death: Harry Hearn, Eileen O'Sullivan, Cyril Turner and all whose anniversary falls at this time.

If you, or someone you know, are 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.**

Children's Society Boxes. Last call for boxes. If you haven't given them to Robert yet, please do so this week so that he can finalise the amount to be sent off. If you are interested in having a box this coming year, please also speak to Robert to find out more.

Coming up in church and on Facebook

Sunday 9 August – Trinity 10

Readings: Genesis 37.1-4, 12-28, Romans 10.5-15, Matthew 14.22-33

1030 Joint Morning Worship Service

Officiant: Revd Emma-Jane Wilkinson
Churchwarden: Robin B
Musicians: Simon
Readers: Phil T
Intercessor: Terry H
Welcomers: Sue T, Ro A
Powerpoint: David H

Music: 33 At the name of Jesus, 431 Peace to you, 353 (NEH) Dear Lord and Father of mankind, 374 (NEH) How sweet the name of Jesus sounds, 399 O Lord, the clouds are gathering, 284 Jesus is Lord! 432 Praise God from whom all blessings flow

1700 Said Communion Service

Officiant: Revd Emma-Jane Wilkinson
Churchwarden: Bill S

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.

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 mornings in August 1030 Joint Service

Wednesday 5 August 1930 PCC meeting - cancelled
Sunday 9 August 1700 Said communion service
Sunday 23 August 1230 Christening of Ottilie-Rae Flynn
1600 Songs of Praise followed by afternoon tea
Sunday 30 August 1100 Cafe Church
Wednesday 2 September 0930 Basic Safeguarding training in church
Thursday 3 September Cafe re-opens

KCM Theatre Trip. Tickets have been booked for those who signed up to join the church group to go to Come From Away at the Wylllyotts Theatre on Friday 11 September at 19:30. Please pay Helen £24.00 for your ticket as soon as possible.



Safeguarding Awareness: Thank you to those who have already returned the Safeguarding Survey. It would be great to have lots more replies as the outcomes will help to inform the PCC as to the next steps that we need to take in regard to safeguarding awareness and the safe culture of our church. You can access the survey here: <https://form.jotform.com/261892535829067>

Eco Tip Trinity 9: Keep a jug (or refill a large water bottle) of water in the fridge so you don't have to run the tap to get very cold water immediately, another small way to stop water being wasted.

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Churches Together Holiday Club. A huge thank you to everyone who helped with Holiday Club this week (some of whom are in this photograph) and especially Nicola T for all her organisation and Sue T for her work in keeping all the helpers fed and watered. Thanks also to those of you who were praying for us. It has been great to work with fellow Christians from the other churches in the town. Let's keep praying that the seeds that have been sown, will continue to grow in the lives of the children and young people who came.



Hertfordshire Showband - 4 years ago we achieved 2 gold medals in the World Music Contest. This time, we were competing in the World and Championship divisions, and though we had confidence in our performances, we had no idea how they would be received at this level, against world-class bands who we had admired for years, especially as there is little opportunity to compete in the UK. No words can convey what it is like to compete in an enormous arena, with so many other international bands. For many, their first experience, nerves were mixed with absolute excitement. On day one, competing early, there was no time to hang around -it was instruments checked, uniforms on, shoes polished and off for a warmup. Waiting in the line-up ready to go on...the nerves hit, so lots of calm reassurance, Rescue Remedy and most importantly prayer. But all the hard work and rehearsals paid off – What a Performance! Then comes the hardest part – waiting until the end of the day for the results to be announced individually with all the bands assembled on the arena. And there it was 82 – GOLD!! The best result we could ever have hoped for – we were euphoric! Whilst there was much celebration, we had another competition the next day. Expectations were mixed, BUT yet again everyone pulled out the stops, marching precise, every turn slick and every note played to the best of their ability. When the result was announced 83 – GOLD – the feeling was indescribable! We'd SMASHED IT in both competitions – incredible!! This was of course followed by much celebrating and playtime in Disneyland, Paris.



So, we want to thank you for your support, encouragement, kind wishes, your congratulations and especially your prayers, all of which we shared with the band at every opportunity.

With much love – Maureen & Phil, Stephen and Lauren xx



Message from our new Bishop: Greetings from Wiltshire! Rebecca and I are still here, in our final preparations for removal to St Albans, deep in decisions about books, bedding, and the many maddening items we must decide whether to keep or discard. Our Lord's instruction that 'one's life does not consist in the abundance of worldly possessions' feels like an important reminder, as we

cram them precariously into the vans that will shortly shuttle up the M4.

We are so ready to be with you, I might say. In these weeks since my Confirmation of Election as your new bishop, I have been getting ready in various ways – one of which has been reading John Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress*. I remember the story from a parish weekend in Knebworth fifty years ago, when we painted pictures and acted out scenes from the tale – Vanity Fair, the Slough of Despond, and so on. Only recently did I learn how many of Bunyan's locations were drawn, naturally enough, from the Bedfordshire landscape he knew by heart, around Elstow Abbey, where he was Christened.

I love the idea of grounding our route to heaven in the places we know on earth, which fills our ordinary world with potential for encounter with God. This was Jacob's realisation in the desert, back into the mists of Old Testament history, when he awakes from a dream to exclaim 'God is in this place, and I knew it not'.

Thereafter, not only does he know God better, but he knows the place better, too: naming it 'Bethel' – the house of God, and the gate of heaven.

Wherever you are today while reading this, my prayer is that you will find the Lord God to be there too: calling you – like Christian, Bunyan's traveller – towards the heavenly city. We are greatly looking forward to joining you on that journey and hope to see many of you in St Albans Cathedral in September, for my installation service. Until then, please know I pray for you and hopefully we'll fit everything useful into the van, and leave the needless things behind! God bless you.

Bishop Andrew

Bishop's Installation – this is taking place on **Saturday 19 September 2026 at 2pm**, St Albans Cathedral. Tickets are very limited but can be ordered here booking.stalbanscathedral.org only two per household. The service will be live streamed on the Cathedral website, we will post the link at a later date.

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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Chair		
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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The social committee would like to thank you for all your responses to their last survey. This is what we have planned for the coming months. If you were someone who said they would be interested in a series of talks, please could you suggest some subjects that might interest you.



Thank you all very much for completing our survey.

The team met last week and looked at the results of the survey and from all of your responses, this is what we have decided to do.

SEPTEMBER – a group outing to see

'Come from Away' at the Wyllvots Theatre in Potters Bar on Friday 11th September 2026

OCTOBER – Quiz Night (date to be confirmed)

NOVEMBER – Wine tasting and Christmas Fayre

DECEMBER – Wreath making

JANUARY – Family movie night

SPRING 2027- an outing – somewhere – to be decided!

If we arranged a series of talks, what subjects would you suggest:

Thank you – Rev Emma, Chris, Maureen and Helen