



Church of King Charles the Martyr NOTICES

Sunday 16 August
Blessed Virgin Mary



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
Churchwarden: Helen and John
Musicians: Adrian
Readers: Lynn J
Intercessor: Jean B
Chalice: Steve J
Welcomers: Lynn J, Jenny D
Powerpoint: Debbie R

Music: 439 (NEH) Praise to the Holiest in the height, 461 (NEH) There's a wideness in God's mercy, 185 (NEH) Sing we of the blessed Mother, I delight greatly in the Lord, 186 (NEH) Tell out my soul

Readings

Collect

Almighty God,
who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary
and chose her to be the mother of your only Son:
grant that we who are redeemed by his blood
may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom;
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

God most high,
whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh:
we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption
you visit us with your Holy Spirit
and overshadow us by your power;
strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience
and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Isaiah 61.10–end – page 748

Luke 1.46–55 – page 1026

Musings from the Vicarage

I am sure many of us last night sat outside with pieces of paper with holes in them, colanders or even solar eclipse glasses to watch the spectacle that was the solar eclipse. Social media and the news are full of photos and timelapses and crowds and families gathered to watch it. Whether you saw it or not, we cannot help but wonder at the amazing planet that we live on. I was very taken by what one BBC reporter said after watching the total eclipse in Spain: *'Oh my goodness ... this reminds us of what it is to be human that we are a small planet in a vast cosmos and we are seeing the sun in its beautiful hidden form – amazing'*.



As taken by Councillor Chris Myers from Furzefield and posted on FaceBook

Carrie Marie Bush takes this thought a little further and says, *'The eclipse feels like a moment between what was and what's still to come. Like the universe dimming the lights for a little while and reminding you that everything can and will change... It feels like the space between goodbye and hello, where anything could happen next. It feels like ... something you can't explain, only feel... waiting in the wings, about to step into the light'*.

I wonder if the psalmist had experienced an eclipse when he wrote, *'The heavens declare the glory of God'* or when he reflected, *'What is mankind that you are mindful of him?'* or whether he was just going about his daily life and noticing the beauty of creation around him, something which our Methodist friends are encouraging us to do as a response to seeing the eclipse today, remembering that *'the light was not lost. The shadow did not last forever. The story goes on because this is the world we are part of. This is the sky we share and it is very good'*.



Last Monday 7 of us and Norman the dog had the opportunity to intentionally notice the beauty of creation around us when we set off from KCM to walk the boundary of our parish. What surprised me was how varied our parish is as the walk included some very built-up areas, industrial units, shops, schools, the station as well as farmland and beautiful countryside (although we weren't quite so keen on the horses that we met in one field).

As we walked, the impact of the current heatwave could be seen with all the fields having been harvested but not yet reseeded because the ground is so dry and many of the streams were completely dried up. The blackberries and sloes were ripe for picking and even pinecones and conkers were falling from the trees. It was a stark reminder to us that the impacts of the climate crisis are being seen here this summer and that we as Christians have a responsibility to care for creation and to preserve the beauty of our countryside for generations to come.



Towards the end of the walk, we walked alongside the area which has been designated for the data centre and Anne explained to us exactly where it is proposed to be built and showed us the Oak Tree which currently stands tall and grand but will be felled if the proposal goes ahead. This tree has apparently become known as The Tree of Hope and it is the hope of the campaigners that with enough support the planning authorities will think again. This video gives you a glimpse of 85 acres which will be affected [SAVE 85 ACRES OF GREENBELT IN POTTERS BAR - YouTube](#)

As residents we are being encouraged to sign the petition which the action group Save 85 Acres of Greenbelt have set up and which can be accessed here: [Petition · SAVE 85 ACRES OF GREENBELT IN POTTERS BAR - United Kingdom · Change.org](#)

So, this week, having experienced the solar eclipse, and the beauty of the town in which we live, I pray that, 'The God who made the stars may hold you in light and in shadow. May you notice wonder this week and may your questions draw you ever closer to God'

Rev'd Emma

Summer Cameos – CAMEO continues next Thursday at 1400 when we have an extra special treat as The Bush Hall Recorder Consort will be entertaining us. Everyone welcome to join. If you are available to provide a cake or help at any of the sessions, please sign the sheet at the back of church.

Come and enjoy a cuppa, some cake and a chat on Thursdays in August

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




Family Fun

Wednesdays
12 and 26 August 2026

13:30 - 15:00

Toys, Crafts, and a Cuppa

All welcome

Suitable for pre-school and primary aged children.
All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Family Fun Afternoon. We had great fun at our first Family Fun afternoon yesterday. The next one is on Wednesday 26 August in the Margaret Old Hall, 1:30 – 3:00. There will be toys, crafts, drinks and biscuits with a cup of tea for carers and parents. Everyone welcome.

Songs of Praise. On Sunday 23 August at 1600 we will be holding a Songs of Praise service followed by afternoon tea. If you have a favourite hymn that you would like us to sing, please sign the sheet at the back of church or let Rev'd Emma know so that it can be included. Please also indicate on the sheet at the back of church if you will be attending to give us some idea of numbers for catering purposes.



Come and join us
for
Songs of Praise

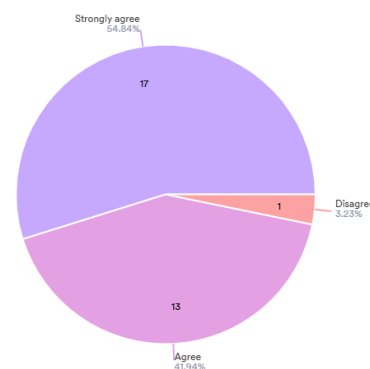
Sunday 23 August
@1600

followed by tea

Churches Together Prayer Meeting. On Saturday 5 September, KCM is hosting the CTIPB monthly prayer meeting at 8:30am. It would be great to have members of the church join us for this. It will be followed by breakfast at 9:00.

Working party to replace furniture ready for the Autumn. On Saturday 5 September, after the prayer meeting, it would be useful to have some people come to help move furniture in the church, so we are ready for the choir's return on Sunday 5 September. Many hands make light work. Please sign the sheet at the back of church if you can help.

Safeguarding Awareness: Our recent survey asked people if they felt safe boundaries between people were understood and kept and it was great to see that the majority of people think they are. This is so important as it means that people see KCM as a safe place. **There is still time if you haven't completed to the survey to add your views – we would love to hear them.**



Eco Tip Trinity II: As the heat continues, take advantage of the sun by drying clothes outside or on airers in the house, also save electricity by not using tumble dryers. Where possible save water by filling the dishwasher rather than washing up a few dishes at a time.

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.

Prayer – Week beginning 16 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: those affected by the earthquake in Colombia and by the ferry capsizing in the Zimbabwean lake, along with all those coping with the effects of the continued hot weather and for the impact of the draught conditions which many in this country are facing.

Those who live in: Robert Close, Rushfield, Rydal Mount

The recently departed: Jeannie Flett any others known to us personally.

Anniversary of death: Linda Farrow, Barbara Ann Horner, Gladys Reeve, Colleen Hodges, Grace Mary Burt, Hilary Watts 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.**

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***

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*

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.

Save the Dates

We have some exciting events coming up at KCM so please put the dates in your diaries now and we will give you more details nearer the time.

Sunday 6 September – at **our 9:30** service we will be celebrating the new annual Church of England festival, **the Festival of Creation in Christ**. This festival offers an opportunity for Christians to give thanks for God's creation and redemption of the world, reflect on humanity's responsibility to care for the natural world and pray for its renewal, recognising that creation is understood through the person and work of Jesus Christ: created through him, sustained in him and destined for renewal in him.

Sunday 13 September – We have a visiting speaker at both our services from Embrace the Middle East.

Sunday 27 September – Holiday Club reunion for all who helped with the week to be held here at KCM at 15:00

Sunday 18 October – Churches Together in Potters Bar Vision Afternoon from 1:00 at Our Lady and St Vincent.

Saturday 14 November – KCM Away Morning with lunch and a quiet afternoon to consider our vision and priorities for the coming months and years. All welcome.

Coming up in church and on Facebook

Sunday 23 August – Trinity 12

Readings: Exodus 1.8—2.10, Romans 12.1–8, Matthew 16.13–20

1030 Joint Service with Communion

Officiant: Revd Emma-Jane Wilkinson

Churchwarden: Debbie R

Musicians: Simon

Readers: Lauren T

Intercessor: Peter S

Chalice:

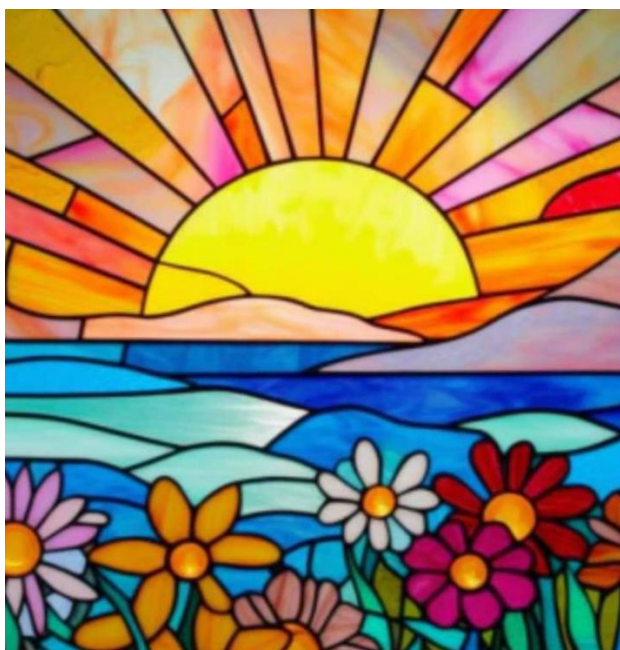
Welcomers: Steve J, Ann D

Powerpoint: David H

Music: 333 (NEH) All my hope on God is founded, For I'm building a people of power, Brother, sister, let me serve you, 492 There is a redeemer, 272 (NEH) All for Jesus! All for Jesus

1200 Baptism of Otilie-Rae Flynn

1600 Songs of Praise followed by afternoon tea



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Walking the Parish Boundary: Thank you to Robin for organising the walk last Monday. We had great fun and worked out the pitfalls so that we can complete the walk as a church at a later date. Watch out for more details.

Bike 'n' Hike on Saturday 12 September. Time flies, and the annual 'Sponsored Bike 'n' Hike Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust' is fast approaching. The date is Saturday September 12 2026. Most of you will know that this is a very popular and well supported fund raising event, where half of the total amount raised by the team from our church, comes back from the Trust as a donation to KCM. Last year we raised over £1100!

Full details are available at the back of the Church and I think we will follow a similar format to last year, but perhaps take in a couple of other churches in Potters Bar before making our way to South Mimms and Ridge to finish with a well-deserved lunch at The Old Guinea. So, whoever feels up to joining the 'team' sign up and let me know. For sponsorship everyone is of course free to collect their own, but we find it works best if we use a Just Giving Page to support the whole group. I will set this up.

Let's get walking – Good for the body, good for the soul! Steve J, Treasurer.

Café Church 30 August. At the next Café church, David and Emma will be attempting to answer some of the questions that you have about faith and Christianity. If you have a question that you would like answered, please fill in a slip at the back of church or email David or Emma. No question too simple.

Church Office. Over the summer, we will both be taking annual leave so there will be days when the office is not open. We will check emails as and when we can, and will respond to you as soon as we are able. Please contact Rev'd Emma if you need an urgent response or your enquiry is relating directly to the church or a pastoral need. Imogen and Nikki

MAPPA. The MAPPA for September was emailed out earlier this week. Please do check sooner rather than later, that you are able to do the tasks you have been allocated. If you are unavailable to make your allotted day, then please will you arrange to swap with someone else and then let Imogen know by email. If you have not received the MAPPA and were expecting to, then please let Imogen know. Spare copies are available at the back of the church. Please note

the readings on the MAPPA will change as we are celebrating creationtide during September.

Disability Aids for Ukraine. Many thanks to those who donated disability aids for Ukraine. They were picked up on Thursday 6th August. Stella

Vacancies at the Diocese. The Diocese is currently recruiting for the following roles. If you are interested in learning more and/or applying then please use the links below.

- PA to the Archdeacon of Hertford – Part Time (based in Hertingfordbury) <https://www.stalbansdiocese.org/vacancies/pa-to-the-archdeacon-of-hertford-2026/>
- Giving Communications Assistant – Part Time (would suit uni/college leaver) <https://www.stalbansdiocese.org/vacancies/giving-communications-assistant/>
- Property and Trust Adviser – Full Time <https://www.stalbansdiocese.org/vacancies/property-and-trusts-adviser/>

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.



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

Lay Minister / Reader	David Thomson	reader@
Church Warden	Vacant	churchwarden1@
Church Warden	Bill Simpson	churchwarden2@
Safeguarding Officer	Helen Schmitz	safeguarding@
Admin Assistant	Imogen St Pierre	office@
Halls Administrator	Nikki Edwards	halls@
PCC Secretary	Nicola Thrussell	pccsecretary@
Treasurer	Steve Jones	treasurer@
Building Committee	Phil Townsend	buildings@
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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