



Church of King Charles the Martyr

NOTICES

Sunday 30 August
Trinity 13



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 Eucharist Service

Officiant:	Revd Emma-Jane Wilkinson
Churchwarden:	Bill S
Musicians:	Adrian
Readers:	John S
Intercessor:	Lynn J
Chalice:	Judith
Welcomers:	Lynn J

Music: 372 He who would valiant be, Be still for the presence of the Lord, 431
O thou who camest from above, Will you come and follow me, I the Lord of
sea and sky (Hymns are on a sheet today)

1100 Café Church

Leader:	David T
Churchwarden:	Rev'd Emma
Reader:	Ruth B
Prayers:	Emma K

At this 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.



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.

Readings

Collect

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Exodus 3.1-15 – *page 59*

Matthew 16.21-end – *page 984*

Post Communion

God our creator,
you feed your children with the true manna,
the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage
until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

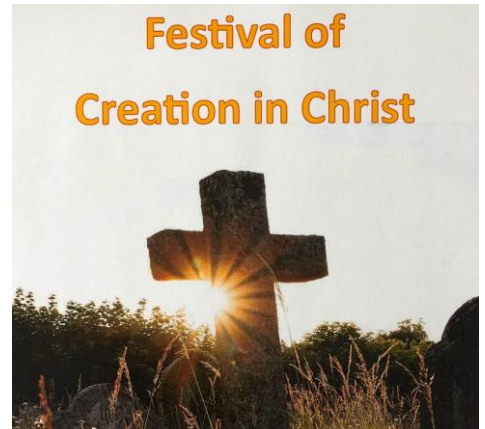
Flowers. This week the flowers have been kindly donated by Lynn J. If you would like to donate flowers for a special occasion or in memory of someone, please sign the list at the back of church or speak to Judith Reeve.

Safeguarding Awareness: Thank you all for your co-operation with our fire drill last Sunday morning. It is so important that we know how to evacuate the building in the case of an emergency which we hope and pray we will never have to do for real.

Eco Tip Trinity 13: Take advantage of the Bank Holiday to get out into nature or look out of your window and spend a few minutes appreciating and connecting with the wonder of creation-for example clouds, bees, a single flower, trees.

Musings from the Vicarage

Next Sunday (6 September) we will be celebrating for the first time the Festival of Creation in Christ, a festival which was approved last month by General Synod to be held on the first Sunday in September and which marks the beginning of our observance of the Season of Creation. You might be interested to know that it is the first new festival to be added to the church calendar since 1983 when Christ the King was added.



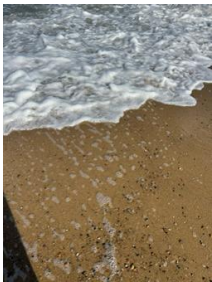
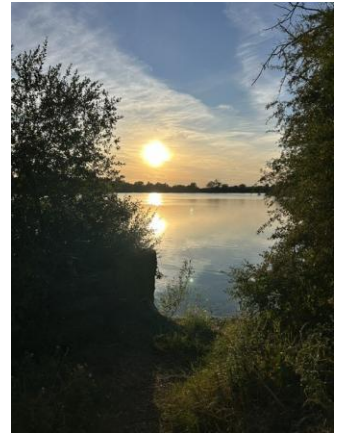
The purpose of the festival is to praise God to worship as Creator and ponder on the great mystery that everything was created through Christ and to reflect on our responsibilities to care for the world. The idea of the festival is not to worship mother nature and it isn't a Harvest Festival instead it is an opportunity to give thanks to God for the divine act of creation and to view the world as a gift that we should promise to care for responsibly.

John Usher, the Bishop of Norwich and the CofE's lead bishop for the environment, said this about the new service:

'The festival does more than look back to the beginning of the world, it places the first creation within the whole sweep of Gods purposes. The one through whom all things were made. Jesus Christ is also through whom all things were reconciled and renewed. In the resurrection of Jesus, the new creation has already begun. Christ's risen body is the first fruits of the future that God promises. God is not abandoning the material world or replacing it with something else. God is renewing creation from within'

The Psalm that has been chosen for the festival is Psalm 148 and I was very taken by a commentary I was reading on it that asked, *'How do we perceive that the sun and the moon and the snow and the frost and the storm wind and the mountains and the fruit trees and all cedars and the animals and the cattle and all creeping things praise God?'* because in the Psalm we as human beings do not get mentioned until verse 11 which suggests the rest of creation was praising God long before we were and continues to do so.

Maybe the sun is praising God when it fills the sky with light, or the moon this week is praising God in all its fulness and rustic hues. Maybe the trees who appear to be dancing in the long-anticipated rain and gentle breeze are actually praising God, just as the flowers are as they raise their petals to heaven! Perhaps as the sea laps the shore and the stream trickles over the stones the water is praising God. What an amazing thought.



I challenge you this week, in preparation for next Sunday, as you are out and about to look at the beauty of creation around you and ponder how it is praising God and then to join in with all created things in praising the name of the Lord, *'for his name alone is exalted; his splendour is above the earth and the heavens'*.

Rev'd Emma

Summer Cameos – Today was our final CAMEO session. Thank you to everyone who has helped in anyway and to those of you who have come and supported this new venture. See you next Summer!

Last week we really enjoyed listening to the recorder group and joining in with the folk tunes that they played. Thank you to Judith R for organising it for us.



Charlies Angels. will begin again on Wednesday 9 September, 13:30 – 15:00. There will be toys, crafts, drinks and biscuits with a cup of tea for carers and parents. Everyone welcome.

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.

Prayer – Week beginning 30 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 returning to work, school and university after the summer break and especially for those who are starting somewhere new, that they will settle quickly and make good friends. Pray for all those who find a change in routine difficult to cope with and those who are feeling anxious.

Those who live in: Shiltoe Avenue, The Shrublands, Suffolk Road

Those who are in need of our prayers: and others known to us personally.

Those with longer term needs:

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

Anniversary of death: Joan Sawyer, Austin Thomas, Richard Paul Webb, Malcom Griffin, Joan Howell, Reidun Harvey



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 the Just Giving Page which you will find here <https://www.justgiving.com/page/steven-jones-4>

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

Dates for you diary and for prayer

Each week our worship follows this pattern

Monday morning	<i>0900 Morning Prayer</i>
Tuesday morning	<i>1000 Eucharist</i>
Wednesday morning	<i>Please take a few minutes to pray for our community</i>
Thursday morning	<i>0900 Morning Prayer</i>
Sunday mornings in August	1030 Joint Service

Sunday 30 August	<i>0930 Communion service</i> <i>1100 Cafe Church</i>
Monday 31 August	PLEASE NOTE – no morning prayer today
Wednesday 2 September	<i>0930 Basic Safeguarding training in church</i>
Thursday 3 September	<i>Cafe re-opens</i>
Saturday 5 September	<i>0830 Churches Together Breakfast Prayers at KCM</i> <i>followed by working party to replace furniture.</i>
Sunday 6 September	Festival of Creation in Christ. 9:30
Saturday 12 September	<i>Bike 'n' Hike</i>
Sunday 13 September	<i>Rev Sue from Embrace the Middle East preaching at both services</i>
Saturday 19 September	<i>1115 Baptism of James Hardy</i> <i>1400 Installation of Bishop Andrew, St Albans Cathedral – still some tickets available</i>
Sunday 27 September	<i>1500 Holiday Club reunion at KCM</i>
Sunday 18 October	<i>1300 Churches Together in Potters Bar Vision</i> <i>Afternoon at Our Lady and St Vincent.</i>
Saturday 14 November	KCM Away Day

Church Office. The Church office will be back to normal from Monday 7 September with some limited cover Thursday 3 September. Emails are however being monitored. Please contact Rev'd Emma if you need an urgent response or your enquiry is relating directly to the church or a pastoral need.

Holiday Club Helpers. Everyone who helped with Holiday Club should have received an email with a link to an evaluation form and also a letter from Adrian as Chair of CTPB . Please do fill in the evaluation form as it will greatly help us in planning for the future. Also make sure you have the date of the reunion in your diaries.

Coming up in church and on Facebook

Sunday 6 September – Feast of Creation in Christ

Readings: Genesis 2:4-25, Psalm 148:1-14, Acts 17:22a, 24-28, John 1:1-5

0930 Sung Eucharist

Officiant:	Revd Emma-Jane Wilkinson
Churchwarden:	Helen and John S
Musicians:	Simon and Choir
Readers:	Helen S
Intercessor:	Terri B
Chalice:	David T
Welcomers:	Steve J

Music: 440. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation
237. Morning has broken, 285. For the beauty of the earth, 466. Thou whose
almighty word

Anthem: Fairest Lord Jesus - How

1100 Morning Worship with Communion and Back to School Celebration

Officiant:	Revd Emma-Jane Wilkinson
Churchwarden:	Robin B
Musicians:	Simon and Singers
Readers:	Gary D
Intercessor:	Emma K
Chalice:	Phil T
Welcomers:	Jenny D, Ann D
Powerpoint:	TBC

Music: 191 – I am a new creation, You spread out the skies,
10,000 reasons, 163 – Here is bread, here is wine, 14 – All things bright and
beautiful, Sing of the Lord's goodness (we will also be singing some of the
Holiday club songs)

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.

We have a **KCM Family WhatsApp** group for information about the church and a **KCM Social WhatsApp** group to share the more light-hearted social chat – if you would like to join these groups please contact Revd Emma to be added.

Contact details:

The Vicar **Revd Emma-Jane Wilkinson**

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Friday

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