



Church of King Charles the Martyr NOTICES

Sunday 27 September
Creationtide 4



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: Helen and John S
Musicians: Simon and Choir
Readers: Lynn J
Intercessor: Jean B
Chalice: Steve J
Welcomers: Lynn J

Music: 296 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour, 357 Father, hear the prayer we offer, 134 The head that once was crowned with thorns, 486 We have a gospel to proclaim

Anthem: Teach me, O Lord – Attwood

1100 Café Church

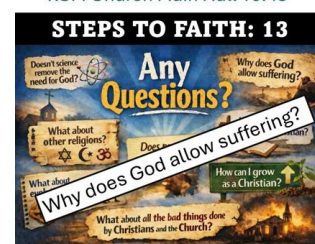
Theme: Why does God allow suffering

Officiant: David T
Churchwarden: Phil T
Musicians: Simon and Singers
Readers: Peter S
Intercessor: Terry H
Welcomers: David H, Susie T



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

Sunday 27th September
KCM Church Main Hall 10.45



Prof David Thomson

Readings for Sunday 27 September

Collect

God of mercy, you heard your people's cry in the wilderness and brought forth water from the rock.

Quench our thirst with your justice and peace.

Forgive our grumbling and teach us to trust your care, that we may protect the earth's precious resources.

Let streams of compassion flow from our lives, as we honour your creation with wisdom and love,

Through Christ, the living water.

Exodus 17.1- 7 – page 75

Psalms 78.1 – 4, 11 – 15

Philippians 2.1 – 13 – page 1179

Matthew 21.23 – 32 – page 989

Post Communion

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us,
and make us continually to be given to all good works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Potters Bar Food Bank

Thank you to everyone who has recently donated to the Food Bank. They are always very 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.

Musings from the Vicarage

As you are probably aware, last Saturday, Rt. Rev'd Dr Andrew Rumsey was installed as the eleventh Bishop of St Albans in a service at St Albans Cathedral. It was a very moving service, with much symbolism throughout it, but also a familiarity for me, as many elements also mirror the installation of a priest into a new role.



The service began with Bishop Andrew knocking three times on the Cathedral door and then being asked the question, 'Who are you and why are you here?' to which he answered, 'I am Andrew, a servant of Jesus Christ. I am here to serve you as your Bishop and pastor, to proclaim the love of Christ, to worship Christ with you, and to encourage you in following Christ, that together we may flourish'. This is followed by the

question, 'How will you serve us?' to which the Bishop replies, 'I come knowing nothing except Jesus Christ, and him crucified; loving our God with heart and soul, mind and strength'.

For me, this emphasised the fact that despite being a bishop, +Andrew is first and foremost a Christian, seeking, as we do, to serve his God wherever he is called to do that. It also quite amused me, as when I was in Baldock each year we had a Possada. This involved a box with Mary, Joseph and the donkey going round to different houses in the parish during Advent, with the two families each evening greeting each other with some words of liturgy as it was passed on (perhaps it is something we should do here this year). On Christmas Eve, the Possada would arrive at the church for the crib service. At the very beginning of the service, there would be three knocks on the door and then exactly the same question would be asked – who are you and why are you here? In answer to the question, the travellers would say, 'We are Mary and Joseph, travelling from Nazareth. We need a place to rest, for Mary is tired. She is expecting a baby who will be known as the Son of God'. Those in the church would reply, 'Come in, though our house may be small, you are welcome to shelter here this night'.

After this, the Bishop was led to the front where the mandate from the Archbishop of Canterbury instructing the Dean of St Albans to install the bishop was read, and then +Andrew made some promises, which were almost identical to the promises I made when I was installed here and he then signed the book of Oaths.



Following this came, what for me – and interesting also for Revd Philip Green – one of the most moving moments of the service, as +Andrew knelt in prayer in front of the main altar and was anointed with oil by +Jane and +Richard before he was vested in the cope of the Bishop of St Albans. This

reminded me of my deaconing, where I too knelt in the place and was ordained by the then Bishop of St Albans, +Alan before being vested in my deacon's stole.

I remember that moment so clearly because, although the cathedral was full of people it was as if it was just the Bishop, myself and God. It was also a significant moment in the service, as it reminded me that despite now being a Bishop, Andrew was first ordained as a deacon with the charge to serve God's people.



Following this, +Andrew was taken and installed in his seat, the Cathedra and then, just as I did after I had been installed in my seat here, he shared the peace with the congregation. After preaching his first sermon, he went to the shrine of St Alban and led the congregation in praying the prayer of St Alban before returning to the high altar.

Here the Dean presented him with the pastoral staff or crozier of St Albans. The staff is shaped like that of a shepherd's crook reminding him and us of his calling to be a pastor and shepherd of the 'flock of God' after the example of Christ himself. He then blessed the congregation before walking through the

cathedral to the West End where he blessed both the city and the diocese. We then all had cake!

At the beginning of the service booklet, he had written a message to us all and in this he mentions going to pay homage to HM The King. Apparently here the tradition is that the bishop opens the bible at a page of their own choosing whilst making their oath. The page +Andrew chose was Isaiah chapter 41 which includes the verse, 'Do not be afraid for I am with you. I am your God: let nothing terrify you.' I personally think being a bishop would be terrifying! But isn't it great that it shows us that we have a Bishop who understands that he cannot do the task that he has been called to do without the help of God and the guidance of the Holy Spirit and that he knows he is not alone. Let's keep praying for him and his family as he begins this role to which he has so clearly been called.



Rev'd Emma

Family News



A huge thank you to Phil E who has made us a new cross to use at the Bereavement Service and other occasions.

It was lovely to see so many of Esther's family at church on Sunday to celebrate her 80th birthday. We enjoyed the lovely chocolate cake, and thanks so much for the generous donation which Esther made to our church funds.



Prayer – Week beginning 27 September

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: Bishop Andrew, his wife and family as he settles into life as Bishop of St Albans and for us all that we will be willing to follow his direction and walk in the way of Christ, knowing that he is leading us as our shepherd.

Those who live in: Aberdale Gardens, Allandale Crescent, The Approach

The recently departed: Barbara Driscoll, Sarah Bulling (Funeral 1 October at Oak Hill Crematorium), and any others known to us personally.

Anniversary of death: Tony Notley, Donald Bailey, priest, Ewart Carlson, Roy Campbell, Margaret Bray

If you, or someone you know, need 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 27 September 1500 Holiday Club reunion at KCM

Tuesday 29 September 1930 Bible study groups start again – meeting fortnightly

Tuesday 6 October 1100 Bible study group – then the following week and then fortnightly

Sunday 11 October 1500 Messy Church

Saturday 17 October KCM quiz night

Sunday 18 October 1300 Churches Together in Potters Bar Listening Afternoon at Our Lady and St Vincent.

Saturday 31 October 1700 Saints and Sausages – more detail soon

Sunday 1 November 1100 Baptism of Hugo

1600 Annual bereavement service

Friday 13 November Wine Tasting night – more details to follow

Saturday 14 November KCM Away Day make sure you have saved the date

Friday 4 December Wreath Making – more details to follow

Safeguarding Awareness: We are in the middle of fairtrade fortnight and one of the aspects of the week that is being highlighted is the reality that child labour unfortunately remains common place, especially in the agricultural sector and in communities who hardly earn a living income. UNICEF estimate that nearly 138 million children around the world are engaged in child labour, with 1.5 million children aged 5 – 17 working on cocoa farms in Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana alone.

Tip Trinity 17: When shopping, try where possible to buy Fairtrade-certified products, supporting ethical brands, and spreading awareness. Did you know that in the UK for every £3.70 spent on a cup of coffee, the producers typically retain only 4p?



NOTICES

Holiday Club Reunion. Everyone is welcome to join us on Sunday 27 September at KCM at 15:00 to hear more about this year's Holiday Club and to look ahead to next year. If you were a volunteer or on the teen team, we really hope you will join us. Thanks to those who have completed the evaluation form – there is still time to do so if you haven't yet by following this link:
<https://form.jotform.com/262232461694054>

Charlie's Angels – can you help on Wednesday 7 October? Lynn and Stella are not available for Charlie's Angels on Wednesday the 7th October so we need two people to help Janet to run the session. If not, then it we will have to cancel. It is an important part of our outreach work and it's for one week only!!!



Harvest flowers. If you have a garden or allotment with flowers, berries, greenery, pampass grass we will be happy to receive them between 9 and 9.30 on Saturday 3rd October. If you would like to help with Harvest arrangements you will be most welcome. Judith R.

Up and coming social events

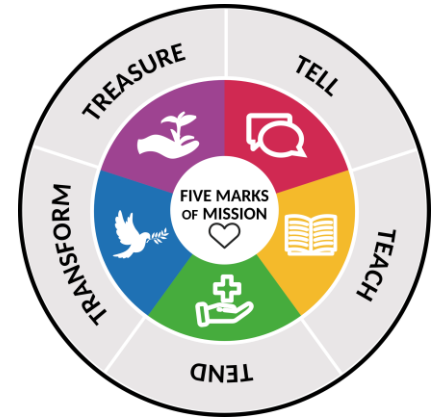
October 17	Quiz Night	19.00 for 19.30 start £10.00 pp
November 13	Wine Tasting	19.30 for 20.00 start £20.00 pp
November 28	Christmas Fayre	11.00 - 14.00
December 4	Wreath Making	19.30 £35 a ticket – places limited.

**Book the dates and watch for more details soon.
See the back page for details of more events over Autumn**

Christmas Fayre planning meeting. Anyone interested in helping to plan the Christmas Fayre is invited to a meeting on Tuesday 6 October, 19.30 at the vicarage. Let's make this the best Fayre yet, so come along with lots of ideas.



Bible Study Groups Autumn 2026 This Autumn in our bible study groups we will be thinking about the five marks of Mission. Everyone is welcome to join us at all or some of the sessions. They are very informal and we chat together around various bible passages connected to the theme. Please sign the list at the back of church if you know you will definitely be coming to give me some idea of numbers, but also feel free to just turn up!



The morning sessions will be held in the church following the weekly Communion service, and the evening sessions will be at the vicarage at 19.30.

Session	Morning 11.00	Evening 19.30
Treasure	6 October	29 September
Tell	13 October	13 October
Teach	27 October	27 October
Tend	10 November	10 November
Transform	24 November	24 November



Saints and Sausages On 31 October we are holding a Saints and Sausages Light party 17.00 – 19.00. At this stage I am looking for volunteers to help with this – registration, cooking sausages, helping with crafts, serving refreshments etc. If you are available and would like to help, please let me know.

Harvest Lunch – Everyone is welcome to join us for our Harvest Lunch on Sunday 4 October following the 11.00 service. At the back of church is a sign-up sheet to give some idea of numbers. There is no charge for the meal, but donations appreciated. If you would be able to supply a pudding or some drinks, please indicate on the sheet or let Emma know.



Coming up in church and on Facebook

Sunday 4 October – Harvest

Readings: Micah 6: 6 -8, Psalm 100, Galatians 6: 14 – 18, Luke 12: 22 – 34

0930 Harvest Eucharist

Officiant: Revd Emma-Jane Wilkinson
Churchwarden: Elouise N
Musicians: Mark Terry and Choir
Readers: Brenda W
Intercessor: Lynn J
Chalice: John S
Welcomers: Elouise N

Music: 204 Blessed City, heavenly Salem (tune 205), 366 God of mercy, God of grace, 273 And now, O Father, mindful of the love, 272 All for Jesus! All for Jesus! 375 I danced in the morning when the world was begun

1100 Harvest Praise

Family Harvest Celebration with our Uniform Groups

Officiant: Revd Emma-Jane Wilkinson
Churchwarden: Robin B
Musicians: Singers
Readers: Young People
Intercessor: Young People
Welcomers: Jenny D, Ann D
Powerpoint: David H

Music: TBC

This year as well as collecting food for the foodbank, we will be making a monetary collection for Nepal. All money collected on this day in cash or on the sum-up machine will go to the appeal. Please give generously.

Join us after the service for our Harvest Lunch
Everyone welcome

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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Treasurer	Steve Jones	treasurer@
Building Committee Chair	Phil Townsend	buildings@
Music	Simon Worley	music@

Autumn Events at KCM

Save The Dates

Sunday 27th September – 10.45am Café Church

Sunday 4th October – 9.30am Harvest Eucharist and
11.00am Harvest Praise with the Uniformed Organisations
followed by Harvest Lunch – all welcome

Sunday 11th October – 3.00pm Messy Church

Saturday 17th October – 7.00pm for 7.30pm Quiz Night
£10pp

Sunday 18th October – 1.00pm CTiPB Listening Afternoon at
OLSV

Sunday 25th October – 10.45am Café Church

Saturday 31st October – 5.00-7.00pm
Saints and Sausages Light Party

Sunday 1st November – 4.00pm Annual Bereavement
Service followed by refreshments

Sunday 8th November – 10.50am Act of Remembrance
3.00pm Messy Church

Friday 13th November – 7.30pm for 8.00pm start KCM Wine
Tasting night £20 pp

Saturday 28th November – 11.00am KCM Christmas Fayre

Friday 4th December – KCM Wreath Making 7.30pm £35pp

Look out for details of Christmas services and events