



Church of King Charles the Martyr NOTICES

Sunday 6 September
Feast of Creation in Christ



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:	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:	Gary

Music: 191 - I am a new creation, You spread out the skies, 10,000
reasons, 163 - Here is bread, here is wine, Sing of the Lord goodness
(we will also be singing some of the Holiday club songs)

Readings

Collect

Holy and eternal God,
you are the Maker of heaven and earth,
you are the Word through whom all things were made,
and you are the Spirit, the giver of life:
draw us into the mystery of your love,
that with all creation we may proclaim your praise,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Genesis 2: 4 – 25	page 4
Psalms 148: 1 – 14	page 633
Acts 17: 22a, 24 – 28	page 1113
John 1: 1 – 5	page 1063

Post Communion

God our Creator,
by your gift the tree of life was set
at the heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Potters Bar Food Bank

Thank you to everyone who has recently donated to the Food Bank over the Summer – the boxes are full of goodies. They have now reopened and I am sure will be very grateful for our donations. 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

(Sorry a rather long read this week!)

A few weeks ago, I was asked to write an article for the Stotfold Church Magazine about my first year as your vicar! It was a great opportunity to reflect on this year, and so I thought I would share some of what I wrote with you, as it doesn't seem possible that it will be a year ago this weekend that I joined you here. The day I wrote the article for Stotfold was exactly a year to the day since I had met Bill and been given the keys to the vicarage and therefore stood on the threshold of a new chapter in my life. I wouldn't be moving in for a few weeks, but even so, holding those keys made everything feel very real. I had been chaplain at the Abbey that day and, rather appropriately, they had just taken delivery of some new 'Hope' candles, one of which the shop manager persuaded me to buy!

When I was alone in the house for the first time, I decided to light it and spend some time in prayer. As I took the lid off, I discovered the words 'A New Beginning' underneath. This felt very special, and so I lit the candle, committed this new beginning to God, and promised to use this house as part of my ministry, hopefully making it a place of welcome, hospitality, prayer, laughter, meals and, hopefully, the occasional refuge from a busy day! Since then, it has been great to welcome many of you into the house and the garden, and I hope many more will come through the doors in the next year.



As I think about it now, it doesn't seem possible that it has already been a year – and what a year it has been! I arrived with excitement, a fair amount of nervousness, and no real idea of quite what lay ahead. There have been new things to learn, new people to meet, new routines to discover and, of course, plenty of moments when I have wondered exactly what I have let myself in for! But there has also been so much joy.

Over the past year we have worshipped together on Sundays and at our Tuesday morning communion, gathered for Messy Church, welcomed families to Charlie's Angels, shared food and conversation at our café, started Bible study

groups and prayer meetings, worked alongside the other churches in Potters Bar, supported our uniformed organisations, spent time with the local school, enjoyed Holiday Club and shared all sorts of other important moments together. There has been laughter, there have been tears, there have been difficult days and there have been moments when I have stopped and thought, 'This is why I love being a priest.' And I am very grateful that there have been plenty of hugs along the way! It has been such a privilege to have been welcomed into your lives.

When I met with Archdeacon Janet this week and she asked what my most significant achievements had been this year, it was a difficult question to answer. But when she asked what the most significant thing I had learnt was that was much easier, because I have learnt the importance of the ministry of presence. So much of ministry isn't about having the right words or doing something spectacular. It is about being there – being in the café, standing at the church door, sitting with someone who needs to talk, welcoming people into the vicarage, sharing meals, listening to your stories, praying with you. Sometimes, simply being present is the ministry. I have also discovered that I find it remarkably difficult not to have a regular routine and, although there is always plenty happening, ministry can sometimes be surprisingly lonely, with many hours spent on my own – something I am still learning to find ways to cope with!



But the one thing that has remained constant throughout the year is God's faithfulness. When I tell people my story, I often end with the song 'Goodness of God', which includes the words, 'All my life you have been faithful', and this year those words have felt particularly true.

When I was first told that my Dad was on the end-of-life pathway, I was still living in Baldock and serving as curate at St Mary's. By the time he died, I was here in Potters Bar – the very place where he had been born 85 years previously. I was able to bring him home and to hold his funeral here in the church, the church he had looked out at from his bedroom window every day as a child – although, being from a good Baptist family, I suspect he probably never actually stepped inside! Coincidence or God-incidence? I believe the latter.

There are moments in life when we suddenly see how different parts of our story have been woven together, often in ways we could never have planned ourselves. And that has made me even more grateful that I followed God's call to serve here, however unexpected that call was. Perhaps that is one of the things that a new beginning teaches us. We don't always know what God is doing when we are asked to step into something new. We don't know what joys or challenges are waiting for us. We don't know who we will meet, whose lives will become intertwined with ours, or how God might use us. We simply must trust and take the next step.

Being a curate at St Mary's Stotfold taught me that I just needed to be myself and let God use me however he chose, and this first year here has taught me something similar: that being a vicar isn't about having all the answers or doing everything perfectly, it is about being willing to walk alongside people, to serve, to listen, to learn and to let God work through the person that he has called us to be. Has this first year pushed me out of my comfort zone? Absolutely! Has God been faithful? Absolutely. Has he blessed me? More than I could have imagined. And has he used me to bless others? I hope so.

As I look back on this first year, I am incredibly grateful – grateful for the welcome I have received, for the people I have met, for the friendships that have begun, for the laughter and the tears, for the privilege of sharing in your lives, and for all the different ways in which we have been church together. I am also grateful for the reminder that ministry is never something we do alone. It belongs to all of us. We each have something to offer, and together we become part of what God is doing in this place and in this community.



As I begin year two as your vicar, I don't know exactly what lies ahead, but I do know who holds the future and I know that He is faithful. So here's to year two – to all that God has in store for us, to the people we have yet to meet, the things we have yet to discover, the challenges we will face, the joys and sorrows we will share, and the ways in which God will continue to use this church to be a place of welcome, hope, faith and love. I am excited to see what comes next, and I hope you are too, as we continue to journey together to 'Know Christ More and Make Christ Known'.

Rev'd Emma

Charlie's 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.

Revd Emma Conference. This coming week I will be out of parish for three days on the first part of a year long leadership programme which I have been nominated for by the diocese. It is a programme to support the goal of *doubling the number of children and active young disciples across the Church of England by 2030*. As part of this I need to create a working party to help me implement what I learn at KCM. This group needs to encompass children, young people and adults and if it is something that you or a member of your family would be interested in being a part of, please let me know. I am excited for what it will lead to here at KCM. I will keep you updated!

Safeguarding Awareness: At our PCC meeting this week we approved all our church policies which will soon be available on the website and at the back of church for you to read. And as an exciting aside, Helen, our Safeguarding Officer, has been invited to Lambeth Palace next week as a thank you for all the safeguarding work she has done for St Albans Diocese (and I like to think for us). This is so well-deserved Helen, enjoy!

Eco Tip: Creation in Christ - to celebrate this new Festival in the Church of England and the start of Creationtide, keep watering (with a can) and deadheading flowers that are still blooming to encourage more flowers and much needed food for bees and other pollinators. (leave seed heads after the end of September)

Prayer – Week beginning 6 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: our world, giving thanks to God for all that he has created and asking that we will be good stewards of it. Pray for all those affected by the landslides in Nepal and others who are feeling the results of the climate crisis at this time.

Those who live in: Updale Close, Vicarage Close, Warrengate Farm Bungalows and Farm Cottage

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

Those with longer term needs:

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

Anniversary of death: John Kilburn, Janet Brunning, Dennis Rean, Ron Savage, Kath Ledgard



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 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 30 August	0930 Communion service 1100 Morning Worship

Saturday 5 September	0830 Churches Together Breakfast Prayers at KCM followed by working party to replace furniture.
Sunday 6 September	Festival of Creation in Christ. 9:30
Saturday 12 September	Bike 'n' Hike
Sunday 13 September	Rev Sue from Embrace the Middle East preaching at both services
Saturday 19 September	1115 Baptism of James Hardy 1400 Installation of Bishop Andrew, St Albans Cathedral – still some tickets available
Sunday 27 September	1500 Holiday Club reunion at KCM
Sunday 18 October	1300 Churches Together in Potters Bar Vision Afternoon at Our Lady and St Vincent.
Saturday 14 November	KCM Away Day

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.

Messy Church Our next Messy Church is on Sunday 13 September 15:00 – 17:00 and the theme this month is Treasuring our wildly wonderful world and we will hopefully be doing some activities outside if the weather is nice. Do invite families that you know to come along and join in the fun. If you would like to be on the team to help, we are always looking for willing volunteers – just let Revd Emma know.



We also need medium sized plant pots to plant bulbs in if you have any lurking in sheds that you don't need! Please leave them at the back of church.

Growing in our faith

At Café Church last week, one of the questions we answered was, 'How do I grow in my faith'. As part of the answer, we talked about the need to pray and read the bible in order to build a relationship with God. Someone asked the best way to do this and so we said that we would recommend some apps which could help.

The Church of England Daily Prayer is the official app to help you follow Morning, Evening and Night Prayer, wherever you are. For every day of the year, it presents the three services in full and includes Bible readings (NRSV translation), psalms, canticles and seasonal variations. It can be downloaded here:

<https://chpublishing.hymnsam.co.uk/apps/daily-prayer>



Everyday Faith is the daily devotional app from the Church of England designed to inspire, equip and encourage you in your faith every day of the week. Everyday Faith is about where and how we encounter God in our daily lives. It is designed to support you in your discipleship journey by providing carefully curated daily reflections, including selected Bible readings, a simple prayer to prepare you for the day ahead, and thoughts based on that week's theme. It is available at any app store.



Lectio 365 is a free daily prayer app with morning, midday & night devotionals to help you experience God's presence in your life. Each morning, Lectio 365 follows the PRAY rhythm: pause, rejoice with a psalm, reflect on scripture, Ask for God's help and yield to his will, guiding daily prayer and reflection. Each evening Lectio 365 invites you to reflect through Examen: relinquish stress, rejoice in God's presence, repent for shortcomings and rest in his peace, preparing your heart and mind for sleep. It is available in any app store.



Our Daily Bread and Encounter with God apps

bring Scripture Union's trusted Bible reading notes straight to your phone. These apps are not free, but you can have a 14-day free trial. The apps will keep you focused on two life-changing questions: What is God saying to me today? And how do I live it out? They also do an app suitable for children. Again, these are available from any app store.



Coming up in church and on Facebook

Sunday 13 September – Creationtide 2 focus on Embrace the Middle East

Readings: Exodus 14: 19 – 3, Psalm 114, Romans 14: 1 – 12, Matthew 18: 21 – 35

0930 Sung Eucharist

Officiant: Revd Emma-Jane Wilkinson
Preacher: Revd Sue from Embrace the Middle East
Churchwarden: Bill
Musicians: Simon and Choir
Readers: Nicola T
Intercessor: Jean E
Chalice: Phil E
Welcomers: Jean B

Music: 433. O worship the King (omit * verses), 64. Be thou my guardian and my guide, 417. O God, our help in ages past, 368. Guide me, o thou great redeemer
Anthem: Call to remembrance – Farrant

1100 Morning Worship

Officiant: Revd Emma-Jane Wilkinson
Preacher: Revd Sue from Embrace the Middle East
Churchwarden: Elouise
Musicians: Simon and Singers
Readers: Pina
Intercessor: Peter S
Welcomers: David H Sue T
Powerpoint: Ed

Music: Brother, sister, let me serve you, 8 – All heaven declares, 348 – Make me a channel of your peace, 465 – Such love, Give me oil in my lamp/ Sing Hosanna, 936 – Over all the earth

1500 Messy Church

Theme: Treasuring our wild and wonderful world

Officiant: Revd Emma

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.

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The Vicar **Revd Emma-Jane Wilkinson**

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Building Committee Chair	Phil Townsend	buildings@
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You and your family are invited to join us at

Messy Church

Sunday 13 September

3pm – 5pm

A fun afternoon for toddlers and primary aged children and their families with activities, crafts, games and a short service followed by a light tea.

All are welcome

Children must be accompanied by an adult

Our theme this month is:

Treasuring our wild, wonderful world

Our activities include:

- Decorating crosses
- Scavenger hunt
- Chromatography
- Natural colour mixing



For more information contact

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No charge but donation welcome