



Church of King Charles the Martyr

NOTICES

Sunday 1 November
All Saints' Day



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

Refreshments today will be served in the Margaret Old Hall after the 9:30 service and at the back of church after the 11:00 service.

0930 Sung Eucharist

Officiant: Revd Emma
Churchwarden: Bill Simpson
Musicians: Simon and Choir
Readers: Robert B
Intercessor: Jean B
Chalice: John S
Welcomers: Lynn J

Music: 197 For all the saints, 274 Author of life divine, 374 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds, 484 The Church's one foundation

Anthem: Hail, glorious spirits – Tye

1100 Morning Worship with Communion and Baptism of Hugo

Officiant: Revd Emma
Churchwarden: Bill Simpson
Readers: Ruth B
Intercessor: Gary D
Chalice: Steve J and David T
Welcomers: Jenny D
Powerpoint: Ed S

Music: For all the saints, For I'm building a people of power, I sing a song of the saints of God, All heaven declares, Here is bread, here is wine, Abba Father, let me be, This little light of mine, O when the Saints

1600 Annual Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving **All are welcome**

Readings for Sunday 1 November

Collect

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
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.

Hebrews 11.32 – 12.2 - *page 1210*

Psalm 34.1–10

1 John 3.1–3 – *page 1065*

Matthew 5.1–12 – *page 968*

Post Communion

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things:
may we who have shared at this table
as strangers and pilgrims here on earth
be welcomed with all your saints
to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Potters Bar Food Bank

As you are hopefully aware, we collect for the Potters Bar Food Bank each week and have a team of volunteers who take our collection to the depot. Please bring your donations and put them in the boxes in the Link Corridor. Currently, they are particularly in need of milk, biscuits, tinned fruit and toilet roll.

Access to the foodbank is by referral, please speak to local clergy in confidence.

Musings from the Vicarage

It is really exciting that on Sunday we will welcome Hugo into the church family as he is baptised during the 1100 service and this week, in our bible study groups, we thought about baptism and also how we, as a church, nurture and support those who have been baptised or are beginning their faith journey.

I wonder how many of us remember our baptism or even the date of our baptism. For those who were baptised as babies, the chances are that we have no memory of the occasion at all. There may be photographs, perhaps a family story or two, or a certificate tucked away somewhere in a drawer. Whereas others, like me, may remember their baptism much more clearly, having made the decision to be baptised as an adult. But whether we remember it or not, baptism is about much more than a few splashes of water and a special occasion - it marks a particular point on our journey of faith, discovering more about what it means to follow Jesus, and growing in our relationship with God.



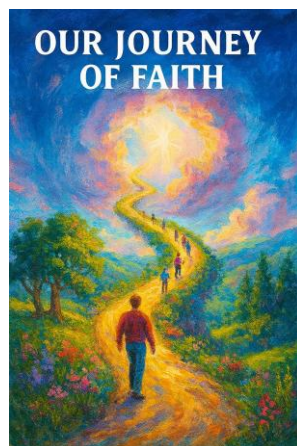
In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples to go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them and teaching them to obey everything he has commanded. Notice that the instruction includes both baptism and teaching because we are called not only to welcome people into the Christian faith, but also to help them grow in it. This is reflected in the baptism service, and as Hugo is baptised on Sunday, his parents, Godparents and us as his church family, will make promises to help him to grow in his faith and become a disciple of Jesus.



These promises are not meant to be words that are spoken one day and then forgotten. They are an invitation to a lifelong journey. So perhaps this weekend is a good opportunity for us to think about what difference the fact that we are baptised makes to the way we live today. It gives us an opportunity to ask ourselves are we continuing to grow in faith and to consider how we are helping each other to discover more about Jesus because the baptismal service will remind us that none of us is meant to walk the journey of faith alone.

We do not all have to be experts in the Bible or have all the answers. Sometimes nurturing another person's faith begins simply by listening, sharing something of our own experience, offering to pray, or making someone feel welcome in church.

Perhaps one of the most important things we can do as a church is to make sure that those who begin their journey of faith among us find a community ready to walk alongside them and as we approach the new year we are praying about ways that we can do this more effectively, perhaps through offering an ALPHA or other seekers course, planning a confirmation service and praying for leaders to come forward so that we can start some regular homegroups. If any of these things interest you, then please speak to me or send me an email.



After all, the promises made at baptism are not just about what happens at the font. They are about the life we live afterwards so let's all commit to praying regularly for Hugo and look for ways that we can help him, and others, grow in faith over the coming months and years.

Rev'd Emma

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wine tasting: This event is now full. If you would like to be added to a waiting list in case anyone drops out, please let a member of the social committee know.

Wreath Making: This looks to be a great evening where you will be instructed by an expert from Ramels to create your own wreath which you can then take away and display at home. All the materials are provided along with drinks and nibbles! Tell your friends and come and join in the fun on **Friday 4 December 1930** £35 a ticket. LAST FEW TICKETS REMAINING

Please secure your place at these events by signing the sheet at the back of church or emailing our new social events email: events@kcm-church.org.uk Payment can either be made by bacs transfer (details will be given to you when you book) or by cash in an envelope marked with the event and given to the office or one of the social committee (Helen S, Maureen T, Chris B). Please invite family, friends and neighbours so that we can make these fantastic events.

EDINBURGH 2027 - King Charles Commemoration

Wednesday 27th to Friday 29th January 2027



A short break is planned to go to Edinburgh to join the “Scotland” commemoration of King Charles’ beheading at 5.30pm at St Mary’s Cathedral Palmerston Place, Edinburgh on Thursday 28th January 2027. In January 2026 a number of us went for the celebration led by a very enthusiastic Rev Emma, but was thought that this was a bit rushed.

In 2027 a similarly enthusiastic Rev Emma will be leading another trip. We are travelling to Edinburgh on the Wednesday, and will visit the Royal Yacht Britannia combined with the Open Top Bus Tour of Edinburgh during the day on Thursday, and then attend the Eucharist in the evening. “Open Top Bus Tour” I hear you cry! a good strong porridge and haggis breakfast before you leave the hotel will set you up for the day and keep you warm.

The cost of the trip to include travel, (LNER rather than the rather cosy LUMO (cost about the same)) hotel accommodation, the bus tour, Royal Yacht, the Eucharist and a good hearty breakfast on Thursday and Friday mornings will be in the region of £250 per head (the largest cost of that being the hotel accommodation).

Please let me know if you would like to be part of that trip and I will keep a list of names and make the appropriate bookings.

Bill Simpson

Prayer – Week beginning 1 November

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: as we celebrate Hugo's baptism, let's pray for his parents and God Parents as they make promises on his behalf and commit as a church to help nurture him in the faith in the years to come. Let's pray also for our own Godparents and Godchildren and give thanks to God for those who have nurtured us in the faith.

Those who live in: Cranborne Crecent, Cranborne Road, Deepdene

The recently departed: Derek Lacey and any others known to us personally.

Anniversary of death: Mick Wilkinson, Geoff Moore and all those whose anniversary occurs at this time and those we will remember at the service on Sunday afternoon.

This week's Embrace the Middle East prayer: Food parcels, tarpaulins, mattresses, blankets, heaters and fuel - all are essential items that Hanna helps bring refugees and displaced Lebanese families sheltering in the Beqaa Valley, northern Lebanon. It's part of the winter support offered by Embrace partner Merath and run with the help of local churches. Alongside vital supplies, the team offer emotional and spiritual support to families. Originally a Syrian refugee himself, Hanna knows that this welcoming and compassionate support is rare and precious. "We seek to help vulnerable families as holistically as possible, regardless of whether they are Syrian or Lebanese. One man we support had heart trouble because of cold living conditions. We just helped him install a heater so he can finally be warmer." For Hanna, the most rewarding aspect of his work is knowing that he is sharing the love of Christ with people in a practical way.

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

Saturday 31 October	1700 Saints and Sausages
Sunday 1 November	1100 Baptism of Hugo 1600 Annual Bereavement Service
Monday 2 November	1900 All Souls Eucharist
Saturday 7 November	0830 Churches Together breakfast prayer meeting at Our Lady & St Vincent, 243 Mutton Lane,
Sunday 8 November	1050 Act of Remembrance 1500 Messy Church
Wed 11 November	1900 Christmas Fayre working party
Thursday 12 November	1600 Interfaith Peace Vigil at The Wylllyotts.
Friday 13 November	Wine Tasting – this event is now full
Saturday 14 November	KCM Away Day - see notice below
Sunday 15 November	Safeguarding Sunday
Saturday 21 November	1700 Bishop Richard's farewell evensong
Saturday 28 November	1100 - 1500 Christmas Fayre
Friday 4 December	Wreath Making – last few places remaining

Safeguarding Awareness: On All Saints and All Souls days we remember people who have died and who had a significant impact on our lives. For some of us, memories of these people may not be good as we remember people who abused us. Please remember that if you want to talk about any experiences that you have had, or need to report historical abuse, you can always talk to Helen, our Safeguarding Officer, or Rev'd Emma or David as we are trained to listen and then help to ensure you receive help and support.

Eco Tip: All Saints' Day: Check that you have changed all your lights to LED ones- better for the environment and your purse- they use less electricity! We have just changed the lights in Meeting Rooms 2 and 3 to LED as part of our move towards net zero.

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KCM Away Day Please sign the list at the back of church if you are planning on coming to our Away Day so that we have some idea of numbers for catering purposes. Please also indicate if you would like a lift on the day – we want to enable as many people to come as possible. Please make this a priority in your diary.



**KCM
AWAY DAY**

Everyone welcome

Saturday 14 November
OLSV Church Hall 9:30 – 12:30
then
KCM 12:45 – 2:30
Coffee and croissants available from 9:00

LUNCH, AND
OTHER
REFRESHMENTS
PROVIDED - JUST
BRING
YOURSELVES!

Focusing on our vision: Know Christ More • Make Christ Known



The Christmas Fayre is coming. Please do check the lists at the back of church for what is needed for the Christmas Fayre and start collecting items - boxes will be in the link corridor very soon. Also please sign up to help on the day. On **Wednesday 11 November** at 1900, we are having a Christmas Fayre working party so if you are free, please come and join us. There will be lots to do and many hands make light work. Refreshments provided.

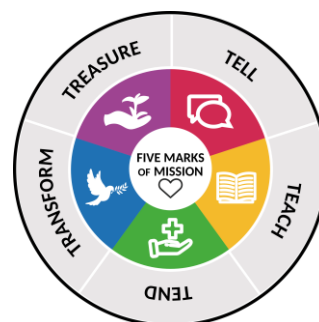


Christians in the Holy Land. On Saturday 14th November 5pm – 7pm and Sunday 15th November 8am – 12.30pm the Olivewood Cooperative from Bethlehem will be selling goods in Our Lady & St Vincent Church. Profits from sales go to Christians in the Holy Land whose income has been severely affected by the violence.



Saints and Sausages. Thank you for the offers of help with this event. Please do encourage your family and friends to come along and join in the fun 17:00 – 19:00 Saturday 31 October. There will be crafts, games, food and we will learn how we are like a pumpkin!

Bible Study Groups Autumn 2026. Our Autumn bible studies are well underway and we have had some very interesting discussions. Our next session will be thinking about how we can seek to transform unjust structures of society, challenging violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation, which seems very appropriate in this season of Remembrance. We may touch on the ethics of war. Do come and join us. The morning sessions will be held in the church following the weekly Communion service, and the evening sessions will be at the vicarage at 1930. Everyone welcome whether you have been before or not.



Session	Morning 1100	Evening 1930
Transform	10 November	10 November
Tend	24 November	24 November



On Sunday 1 November, All Saints Day, at 1600 we are holding our annual Remembrance and Thanksgiving service. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you would like the name of a loved one read out, please add their name to the list at the back of church or email either office@kcm-church.org.uk or

vicar@kcm-church.org.uk Otherwise, ring the office and leave a message. We can read the name of your loved one out at the service even if you are not able to attend in person. The service will be followed by refreshments at the back of church.

Coming up in church and on Facebook

Sunday 8 November Remembrance Sunday

Readings: Wisdom 6.12-16, Psalm 70, 1 Thessalonians 4.13-end, Matthew 25.1-13

0930 Sung Eucharist

Officiant: Revd Emma
Churchwarden: Bill S
Musicians: Simon and Choir
Readers: Lynn J
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Welcomers: Steve J

Music: 417 O God, our help in ages past, 372 He who would valiant be, 378 Immortal love for ever full, 119 The strife is o'er, the battle done

Anthem: Make me a channel of your peace – arr. Manson

1050 Act of Remembrance

1115 Morning Worship

Officiant: Revd Emma
Churchwarden: Robin
Readers: Gary D
Intercessor: Terry H
Welcomers: Ann D
Powerpoint: David D

Music: Light of the world, 399 O Lord, the clouds are gathering, 51 Bind us together, 37 Beauty for brokenness, 49 Be still, my soul, 669 God is our strength and refuge, 317 Let there be love,



1500 Messy Church What kind of world does Jesus want us to build?

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.

Contact details:

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Building Committee Chair	Phil Townsend	buildings@
Music	Simon Worley	music@
Social Events		events@



You and your family are invited to join us at

Messy Church

Sunday 8 November 2026

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:

What kind of world does Jesus want us to build?

Mark of mission - teach



Our activities include:

- Bridge building
- Quilt of love
- Edible poppies
- Angry eruption
- Forgiveness prayer flowers



For more information contact
Revd Emma – vicar@kcm-church.org.uk
No charge but donations welcome