



Church of King Charles the Martyr

NOTICES

Sunday 25 October
Last After Trinity



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

Clocks go back 1 hour this morning



0930 Sung Eucharist

Officiant: Cindy Kent
Churchwarden: Debbie R
Musicians: Simon and Choir
Readers: Robert B
Intercessor: Jean E
Chalice: Elouise
Welcomers: Steve J

Music: 466 Thou whose almighty word, 407 Lord thy word abideth, 612 (supplement) Spirit of God unseen as the wind 619 (supplement) Lord for the years

Anthem: A New Commandment - Honeyball

1100 Café Church

Officiant: David T
Churchwarden: Phil T
Readers: Sue T
Intercessor: Robin B
Welcomers: David H



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

Sunday 25th October
KCM Church Main Hall 10.45



Readings for Sunday 25 October

Collect

Merciful God,
teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,
that trusting in your word
and obeying your will
we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Nehemiah 8.1–4a, 8–12 – *page 492*

Psalms 119. 9–16

Colossians 3.12–17 – *page 1184*

Matthew 24.30–35 – *page 993*

Post Communion

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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

Just before I sat down to write my musings this week, I was preparing for the New Incumbents conference that I am attending from Tuesday – Thursday this week – not that I feel very new now!

For this we were asked to bring with us one of three things:

1. A simple outline map of the area marking distinctive features that have been or are important to the local people and help shape their lives and understanding and the implications for the mission of the church.
2. A rich picture using a combination of drawings, pictures, symbols and words to describe your context showing relationships and issues within it
3. 6 objects which represent the relationships and issues that are important within your new context.



I am sure those of you who have got to know me well over the past year will know which one I chose! Yes, the 6 objects! Drawing is certainly not one of my skills and I certainly couldn't draw a map that didn't look like a 5-year-old had drawn it, although I have included the map of the parish as one of my 7 (whoops) objects! I thought you might be interested to know what objects I chose and why.

A copy of our KCM Pilgrimage.

This is something that I am very pleased that we have created over the past year, especially as it shows the way that the church's history and also the story of King Charles the Martyr continues to influence our worship and who we are today. It is something which makes us almost unique!

A loaf of bread

From my very first week at KCM, I was aware of how important the Cafe is to our church life and what an important expression of Christian hospitality it is. It is amazing just how many members of the church family are involved with it and it is a fabulous missional opportunity as we welcome friend and stranger each week. And, cheekily, I wrapped the bread in a cafe church poster so that I could talk about that too and how over this past year we have focused on steps to faith and seen people coming to faith which is so exciting.



The whale bunting from the Church

This represented both our very successful Holiday Club and the blessing to me, and hopefully you, of Churches Together in Potters Bar. I cannot believe quite how warmly I have been welcomed and accepted by my fellow ministers in the town and some of the highlights of my month are the ecumenical prayer meetings on the first Saturday of the month and our ministers' lunches. We are very blessed by the relationships we have with other Christians in the town. **Advanced Notice:** Holiday Club 2027 will run again at KCM from Monday 26 – Friday 30 July.



A list of our weekly Hall hirers

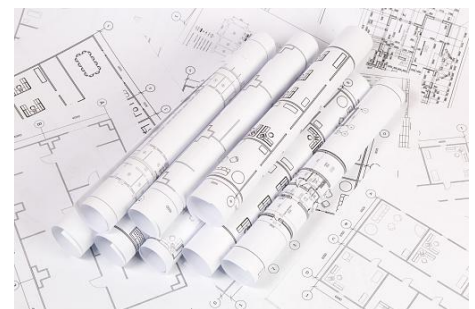
Our halls are such an asset and help to keep us afloat financially along with our giving. (If you are not a regular giver through the parish giving scheme and would like to be, please speak to Steve). There are nearly 500 people who come through our doors each week to attend one of the events that take place there. My question is – how do we make deeper connections with those people and help at least some of them, to turn left through the doors and come and join us on a Sunday? It also speaks of some of the practical demands of ministry – like getting a faculty for new boilers!

A service sheet and a printout of a Morning Worship powerpoint

These represent the two distinct services that we have on a Sunday which was one of the things which really attracted me to you as I love the variety and how it enables me to use my creativity. KCM embraces my own love of a wide variety of worshipping styles from High Mass to Messy Church and everything in-between. It is such a joy to lead worship here.

A set of plans

At the moment these plans are just a dream about how we might be able to extend the entrance to the church to create another room downstairs and make the entrance more welcoming. For me they represent the future – we don't know what it holds but God does and so this object is me offering, I hope along with you, all that we are to God and asking him to lead and guide us into the future whilst believing that 'He is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think'. Ephesians 3:20



I will let you know how I get on!

Rev'd Emma

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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OTHER
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Don't miss out – events are nearly full

Wine tasting: This is a new event for KCM and looks to be going to be a great evening. **Friday 13 November 1930 for 2000** start £20.00 pp.

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.

Please secure your place at any of 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 25 October

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 Bible Sunday this Sunday, let us give thanks for William Tynsdale and all the other translators whose work means that we have a bible to read today in English. Pray also for the work of the Bible Society as they seek to make the bible available in every native tongue.

Those who live in: Cambridge Drive, Clive Close, Cranborne Close

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

Anniversary of death: Patricia Eileen Vangeersdaele, Ruth Barker, June Baker and all those whose anniversary occurs at this time.

This week's Embrace the Middle East prayer: When the tragic death of her husband left Marta alone and with 2 young children to support, she turned to The Salaam Centre in Egypt to improve her education. She went on to complete high school and will soon graduate with a law degree. We pray for all those, like Marta, transforming their futures through education.

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	<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 25 October	1100 Cafe Church
Tuesday 27 October	1100 or 1930 Bible study group
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, EN6 2AT
Sunday 8 November	1050 Act of Remembrance 1500 Messy Church
Wed 11 November	1900 Christmas Fayre working party
Friday 13 November	Wine Tasting – make sure to book your place
Saturday 14 November	KCM Away Day
Sunday 15 November	Safeguarding Sunday
Saturday 21 November	1700 Bishop Richard's farewell evensong
Saturday 28 November	Christmas Fayre 1100 - 1500
Friday 4 December	Wreath Making – places selling fast

Safeguarding Awareness: Following David's sermon on Sunday, I thought this quote from the lead bishop for safeguarding, Bishop Robert Springett, was so apposite for us to reflect on this week: "Safeguarding begins with the conviction that every human being is created in the image of God (...) and therefore possesses an irreducible dignity that must be honoured, protected and nurtured."

Eco Tip Last Sunday after Trinity: As the clocks change, there is less time for gardening- use the opportunity to leave some areas untidy- eg piles of leaves - to provide winter habitats for wildlife, especially hedgehogs!

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Quiz Night. We had a great evening on Saturday. Thank you to all those involved in organising it, setting up on the night, running the quiz and clearing away afterwards. A big thank you also to all those who came – a total of £875 was raised for church funds.

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.



Saints and Sausages. I am very short of help with this event and if I do not get more offers, I will have to rethink how it is going to be run which would be a shame as it has been advertised to the community. If you can only offer an hour that would help! Saturday 31 October 1700 - 1900

Churches Together Listening Afternoon. Thank you to everyone who came to the CTIPB listening afternoon. It was great for around 70 people from across the churches in Potters Bar to get together and think about the needs of our town, what our collective view of mission is and where we as CTIPB could meet those needs. I am sure there will be more to report back once all the ideas have been considered by the CTIPB committee. In the meantime, don't forget that the next prayer meeting is on 7 November at Our Lady & St Vincent, 243 Mutton Lane, EN6 2AT.

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 specifically about baptism and discipleship which should lead to interesting discussions. 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.

Session	Morning 1100	Evening 1930
Teach	27 October	27 October
Tend	10 November	10 November
Transform	24 November	24 November

KCM Annual Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving

Sunday 1 November 2026

16:00pm

Do join us as we remember our friends and family.

All are welcome whether the person you are remembering died recently or a long while ago.

This short service will include singing, readings, a short talk and an opportunity to light a candle and will be followed by refreshments.

If you would like your loved ones remembered, please do add their name to the list at the back of the church, contact Revd Emma or email office@kcm-church.org.uk by 29.10.26



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 1 November All Saints' Day

Readings: Revelation 7.9–end, Psalm 34.1–10, 1 John 3.1–3, Matthew 5.1–12

0930 Sung Eucharist

Officiant: Revd Emma
Churchwarden: PCC member
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: PCC member
Readers: Ruth B
Intercessor: Gary D
Chalice: Maureen T
Welcomers: Jenny D
Powerpoint: David D

Music will be a selection of the following: 684 For all the saints, 8 All heaven declares, I sing a song of the saints of God, For I'm building a people of power, 163 Here is bread, here is wine, I Abba Father, let me be, This little light of mine, O when the Saints

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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