



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 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: 259 Come, ye thankful people come, For the Fruits of his creation, All things bright and beautiful, Make me a channel of your peace, 262 We plough the fields, and scatter

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



Join us after the service for our
Harvest Lunch
Everyone welcome

1700 Harvest Evensong

Officiant: Revd Emma-Jane Wilkinson
Churchwarden: Bill Simpson

Music: 263 All creatures of our God and King, 186 - Tell out, my soul, 44 Faithful, vigil ended, 285 - For the beauty of the earth (omit * verse), 413 - Now thank we all our God

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.

Readings for Sunday 4 October

Collect

O God, you ever delight to reveal yourself
To the childlike and lowly of heart;
Grant that, following the example of the blessed Francis,
We may count the wisdom of this world as foolishness
And know only Jesus Christ and him crucified
Who is alive and reigns with you
In the unity of the Holy Spirit
One God, now and for ever
Amen

Micah 6.6 - 8 – *page 934*

Psalm 100

Galatians 6.14 – 18 – *page 1172*

Luke 12.22 – 34 – *page 1045*

Post Communion

Lord God
You made your church rich
Through the poverty of blessed Francis
Help us like him to sing creation's praise
And care for all your creatures;
Through Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord.
Amen

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 Pine Grove

Life on Earth is nothing short of a miracle!

Our planet sits at exactly the right distance from the sun for water to remain liquid; its atmosphere is perfectly balanced to protect and nourish; and its early oceans were

enriched by organic molecules delivered through cosmic dust, comets, and meteorites. The conditions that allowed simple chemistry to blossom into living cells required extraordinary precision - stable temperatures, energy from sunlight and volcanic heat and a planet uniquely suited for life.



Over billions of years, those first fragile forms of life developed into creatures of astonishing complexity, culminating in human beings made in God's image.

When we pause to consider how many finely-tuned events had to align for us to exist, we are reminded that creation is not an accident but a gift, inviting us to marvel at God's power, wisdom, and love.



Those of us alive today (especially here in the UK) are living in an extraordinary moment of history. We have been born into a time of relative peace, stability, and opportunity, with access to healthcare, education, freedom of worship, and comforts that countless

generations before us could never have imagined. We enjoy safety, rights, and resources that are the exception rather than the rule across human history and even across much of the world today. Simply by arriving in this place and this era, we have received a blessing we did nothing to earn. It is a quiet reminder to live with gratitude, humility, and compassion, making good use of the remarkable gift God has entrusted to us.

Although we are incredibly fortunate to be alive in this moment of history, we cannot escape the reality that pain, suffering and evil surround us. Even in a world full of beauty, opportunity, and blessing, we witness brokenness in our communities, in global events, and sometimes in our own hearts. Illness, injustice, conflict, and grief remind us daily that something in creation is not as it should be. This tension between the gift of life and the presence of suffering

pushes us to look beyond ourselves for hope, strength, and redemption, trusting that God sees, cares, and ultimately promises to make all things new.

Responding to Suffering as Christians

Suffering is ubiquitous. Every one of us will face seasons of pain, loss, confusion, or injustice, and it is natural to ask what our response as Christians should be. Is it wrong to feel angry with God? Does faith make any difference? And does being part of a Christian community help?

Anger Is Normal

The first thing to say is that it is not wrong for Christians to feel angry with God when they are suffering. Anger is a normal human response to pain, and if you have a faith, it is natural for that anger to be directed toward God. I remember when our house burned down, driving to the hotel that would be our home for the next five weeks, and ranting at God the whole way. Why me? Why now?



The Bible never condemns people for crying out in anger, frustration, or protest. What matters is where that anger leads. Anger becomes dangerous only when it pushes us away from God rather than into conversation with Him. Again and again in Scripture, God meets people in their anger and gently leads them through a pattern of anger → prayer → trust.

The Suffering of Jesus

The second thing to say is that Christianity is unique because when we pray to Jesus, we are not speaking to a distant or detached God. We pray to One who has felt everything we feel - fear, grief, loneliness, injustice, physical pain, and even the sense of God's silence. We do not need to explain our suffering to Jesus; He understands it from the inside. He has walked the road of human pain and meets us with compassion, not judgement.

Is It My Fault?

The third thing to say is that suffering is not your fault, nor is it evidence that God does not love you. The Bible goes out of its way to show that some of God's most faithful servants suffered deeply. Suffering is part of living in a broken world, not a withdrawal of God's love.

In John 9, when the disciples ask Jesus whether the man born blind was suffering because of sin, Jesus replies, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned.”

Paul endured beatings, imprisonment, shipwrecks, hunger, and sleepless nights - yet he was God’s chosen apostle. Jesus Himself suffered profoundly. If suffering were proof of God’s displeasure, Jesus would be the most unloved person in Scripture - which is clearly absurd.

How We Respond to Suffering

Jesus provides the clearest model for how Christians should respond to people who are hurting. His actions form a pattern: He noticed, He drew near, He listened, He healed, He comforted, and He restored. Following His example, our calling is to:

- Notice when people are absent, struggling, or unwell.
- Draw near, even when suffering makes us feel uncomfortable — we cannot help from a distance.
- Listen, allowing people to tell their story, just as Jesus often asked, “What do you want me to do for you?”
- Care, showing deep compassion rather than mere pity.
- Pray, asking the God who understands suffering to step in and heal - remembering that healing can take many forms.
- Support, offering practical, emotional, and spiritual help.

My hope is that you find KCM to be a loving, attentive, and supportive community - one that reflects the compassion of Christ to all who suffer

David Thomson

Family News



It was lovely this week to welcome Rosemary to KCM. She was due to visit earlier in the year but unfortunately was unwell but on Wednesday she finally got here. It was lovely to talk to her and her Goddaughter about the other KCM churches around the country, especially her own KCM church in Shelland.

Prayer – Week beginning 4 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: those who will receive our harvest gifts both local from the food bank, and further afield in Nepal as they reestablish their lives after the recent natural disasters. Pray also for our farmers who have struggled this year with the hot, dry summer.

Those who live in: Archer Close, Auckland Road, Baker Street

The recently departed: Derek Lacey, Linda Eke, Barbara Driscoll (Funeral 16 October 1230 in church and then at Oak Hill Crematorium), and any others known to us personally.

Anniversary of death: Charlie Baker, Vera Evelyn Morey

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

Saturday 3 October Churches together prayer meeting 0830

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

1930 Christmas Fayre planning meeting

Sunday 11 October 1500 Messy Church

Saturday 17 October KCM quiz night booking now open

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

Sunday 25 October 1100 Cafe Church

Saturday 31 October 1700 Saints and Sausages

Sunday 1 November 1100 Baptism of Hugo
1600 Annual bereavement service

Friday 13 November Wine Tasting – booking now open

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

Saturday 27 November Christmas Fayre

Friday 4 December Wreath Making – booking now open

Safeguarding Awareness: The 1st of October sees the beginning of Black History Month, a month which the organisers say is built on the principles that representation matters; accuracy matters and balance matters. It aims each year to act as a catalyst for addressing systemic racism and inequality in various aspects of society, to recognise that black history is all our history and an integral part of the UK's history and culture and to celebrate the contribution that black people make to society today.

Tip Harvest: Could you make a conscious effort to only buy fruit and veg that is in season this week (and better still for the food miles, produce that is grown in the UK!)- reducing your carbon footprint and helping British farmers.

NOTICES



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.

Social Events

Booking is now open for the following 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
December 4	Wreath Making	19.30 £35 a ticket – places limited.

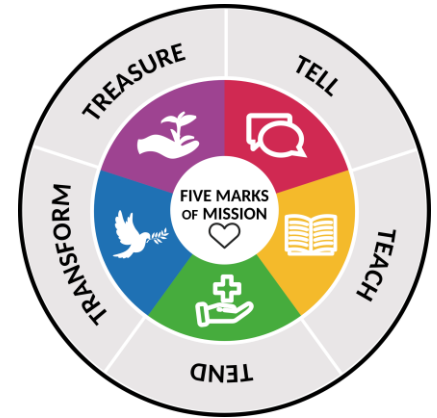
Please secure your place by signing the sheet at the back of church or emailing our new social events email events@kcm-church.org.uk Payment can either be made by bacs transfer (details will be given to you when you book) or by cash in an envelope marked with the event and given to the office or one of the social committee.



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.



Churches Together Listening Afternoon. Everyone is invited to join us at Our Lady and St Vincent on Sunday 17 October at 1:00pm for a light lunch followed by a discussion about missional opportunities within our town which Churches Together might get involved with. Come and have your say and share ideas about how we can work together as Christians in Potters Bar to further God's Kingdom – oh and don't forget the **prayer meeting this Saturday 08:30 St Mary's Church.**

Baby Loss Awareness Week: This year is from 9 – 15 October. As part of this we will be holding a special evensong on Monday 12 October at 1900 where the names of the babies who are written in our book of remembrance will be read out. If you would like a child remembered, please give their name to Revd Emma, or complete one of our prayer cards. A 7 day candle will be lit by Mary's statue for the week and there will be some resources available in her chapel for you to use for your own personal prayers.



Coming up in church and on Facebook

Sunday 11 October – Trinity 17

Readings: Exodus 32.1–14, Psalm 106, Philippians 4.1–9, Matthew 22.1–14

0930 Sung Eucharist

Officiant: Revd Emma-Jane Wilkinson

Churchwarden: Nicola T

Musicians: Simon and Choir

Readers: Jean B

Intercessor: Judith R

Chalice: Helen S

Welcomers: Lynn J

Music: 355 Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round, 457 The King of love my Shepherd is, 381 Jerusalem the golden, 443 Rejoice, the Lord is King

Anthem: Bread of the world in mercy broken (NEH 277)

1100 Morning Worship with Communion

Officiant: Revd Emma-Jane Wilkinson

Churchwarden: Nicola T

Musicians: Simon and Singers

Readers: Lauren T

Intercessor: Terry H

Chalice: David T

Welcomers: David H, Sue T

Powerpoint: Nicola T

Music: 212 I lift my hands, 988 The Lord's my Shepherd, 402 O Lord your tenderness, 408 Only by your grace, 438 Rejoice, rejoice 498 There's a place (Because of you)

1500 Messy Church

Theme: Treasuring the Earth's Resources

Officiant: Revd Emma-Jane Wilkinson

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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