KING CHARLES THE MARTYR CHURCH
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Church of King Charles the Martyr
NOTICES
Sunday 15 November
Safeguarding Sunday

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
Churchwarden:	Helen and John
Musicians:	Adrian and Choir
Reader:	Lynn J
Intercessor:	Helen S
Chalice:	Steve J
Welcomers:	Jean B

Music: 476 Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim, Make me a channel of your peace, May this place be one of nurture (on sheet sung to Corvedale) 408 Love Divine all loves excelling

Anthem: God be in my head – Walford-Davies

1100 Morning Worship

Officiant:	Revd Emma
Churchwarden:	Robin B
Musicians	Adrian and singers
Readers:	Pina H
Intercessor:	Helen S
Welcomers:	Jenny D
Powerpoint:	David H

Music: 1080 You are my hiding place, God is love, let heaven adore him, 348 Make me a channel of your peace, Brother Sister let me serve you, May this place be one of nurture



Readings for Sunday 15 November

Collect
Loving God,
you keep us as the apple of your eye
and hide us under the shadow of your wings:
keep us watchful, yet caring,
trusting, yet ready to question,
that all who worship here may do so
in safety and in the knowledge of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord
who is alive and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 – *page 1153*
Psalm 103
1 John 4: 7-12 – *page 1227*
John 15:1-17 – *page 1083*

Post Communion
God of peace,
we thank you that by sharing bread and wine,
we are more aware of your love for us and for all humanity.
Guide us when encountering those in distress,
loving as you love,
and being prompted to action.
May we share in keeping your precious ones safe and cared for.
In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord,

Potters Bar Food Bank
As Christmas approaches it is important that we keep donations to the foodbank going. They are currently in need of milk, biscuits, tinned fruits and Christmas treats. Please bring your donations and put them 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



Last week, as you are probably aware, I was away on retreat. The retreat was for people who had been in post for up to five years and was entitled 'Behold I do a new thing' although the posters around the centre all said 'Behold I do a thing' which we all thought was far more appropriate, because none of us are quite sure what it is we do! The guided sessions were based on the poetry of RS Thomas, a welsh vicar turned poet and various stories from the ministry of the prophet Elisha.

One of the stories we spent time reflecting on was the story of Elisha and the widow with the little bit of oil (2 Kings 4:1–7). It is a rather extraordinary story. A widow is facing the loss of her sons because she cannot pay her debts. When Elisha asks her what she has in her house, she says, nothing except a little oil.



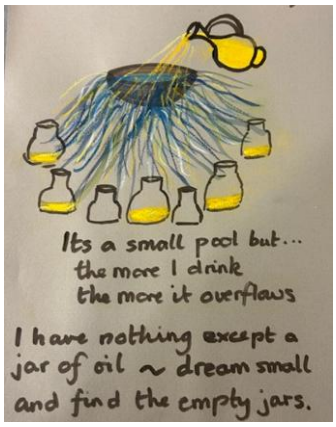
Elisha then tells her to go and borrow empty vessels from her neighbours – and not just a few, but as many as she can find. Then she is to go inside, shut the door and begin pouring the oil into the borrowed jars. And, miraculously, the oil keeps flowing until every vessel is full at which point the bible says, 'the oil stopped flowing'. Elisha tells her to go and sell the oil and pay her debts and then she and her sons can live on what is left.

As we reflected on the story, we began to think about the oil and the pots. The widow had the oil, but she didn't have enough pots. Her neighbours had the pots, but they didn't have the oil. It was only when they came together that something extraordinary could happen.

I found myself thinking that this is rather a good picture of the Church – and of parish life. We all have something to offer, although we don't always recognise it. Some of us have the oil: a particular gift, skill, enthusiasm or experience. Others have the pots: the time, space, practical help or willingness to make room for something to happen. Some of us may feel we have very little to offer, but even an empty pot has a purpose. The important thing to remember is that we all need one another. The widow couldn't do it all by herself. She needed

her neighbours, just as they needed to be willing to share what they had. God's abundance came about through the gifts and generosity of ordinary people working together.

I have been thinking about this as we have marked Remembrance and as tomorrow, we will gather for the first Potters Bar Interfaith Peace vigil. Peace, too, is not something that one person or one community can create alone. It needs people who are willing to bring what they have: their prayers, their compassion, their understanding, their willingness to listen and their determination to work together.



Perhaps that is one of the things God asks of us as a church and as a community. Not to imagine that we have to have everything, or that we can do everything ourselves, but to recognise what we have been given and to be willing to share it. To bring our oil, to offer our pots, and to make space for others to do the same. We may not always see what God can do with the little we have to offer, but the story of Elisha and the widow reminds us that, placed in God's hands and shared with one another, even the smallest gifts can become part of something much bigger.

So perhaps the question for each of us to ponder as we approach Advent, with so much going on in our church, is a simple one: what do I have to offer – and whose empty pot might I be able to help fill?

Revd Emma

Safeguarding Awareness: This coming week, schools around the country will be engaging with Anti-bullying week, with the theme: Break the Silence. During the week children, young people and adults across the UK will be encouraged to start conversations about bullying, speak up, listen and take action together. The week will kick off with Odd Socks Day on Monday 16th, with adults and children being encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. Perhaps you might like to do the same.

Eco Tip 2nd before Advent: think about making this Christmas more sustainable- recycled wrapping paper and printed paper tape, no glitter on cards, decorations made from paper or from nature eg pinecones- try and ditch the plastic!

Prayer – Week beginning 15 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: all those affected by bullying and other forms of abuse, particularly when that is at the hands of those they trust. Pray for all who work in safeguarding and for all victims that they might feel able to speak out and feel heard.

Those who live in: Elmfield Road, Elmscroft Gardens, Heather Way

The recently departed: Marion Bowden and any others known to us personally.

Anniversary of death: Jack Jones, Brenda Connah and all those whose anniversary occurs at this time

This week's Embrace the Middle East prayer: Repeated conflict and crises have destroyed Lebanon's economy and healthcare system. For most families, medicines, testing, and hospital care are unaffordable or unavailable. We pray for Embrace partner The Karagheusian Centre providing affordable healthcare services to approximately 150,000 patients each year

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. 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*

Thursday 12 November	1600 Interfaith Peace Vigil at The Wyllyotts.
Friday 13 November	1930 Wine Tasting
Saturday 14 November	KCM Away Day - see notice below
Sunday 15 November	Safeguarding Sunday
Saturday 21 November	1000 – 1200 Stir up Sunday workshop
	1700 Bishop Richard's farewell evensong
Sunday 22 November	1400 – 1600 Stir up Sunday workshop
	Potters Bar Christmas lights switch on
Thursday 26 November	Christmas Fayre hall set up from 2030
Friday 27 November	Christmas Fayre set up 9000 onwards
Saturday 28 November	1100 - 1500 Christmas Fayre
Sunday 29 November	1100 Café Church
	1700 Advent Procession at St Mary's
Tuesday 1 December	2015 showing of The Story of Everything in Main Hall
Friday 4 December	Wreath Making – last few places remaining
Saturday 5 December	0830 Breakfast Prayers at United Reform Church
Sunday 6 December	1700 Christmas Songs of Praise

Interfaith event at St Albans Cathedral on Monday, November 16 1900 – 2100, with Bishop Rob Wickham, CEO of the Church Urban Fund (CUF) speaking. Bishop Rob has recently been appointed to the new Civil Society Council, established by the Prime Minister.

Stir up Sunday Workshop on Sunday 22 November. Come along and make small Christmas Cakes and Christmas puddings for your own consumption or to sell at the Christmas Fayre. All ingredients provided.

NOTICES

IMPORTANT KCM Away Day. Due to the numbers, this will take a slightly different focus. We will meet at KCM at 0930 for coffee and croissants and then spend the morning together, discussing aspects of our mission and ministry as a church and walking the KCM pilgrimage. We will finish with a light lunch of soup and bread at 1230. Please feel free to join us even if you haven't signed up.

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.



Remembrance Sunday. A very poignant and moving day here at KCM, remembering, at various different services. Hearing Nimrod expertly played and echoing around the church building was particularly moving as was sharing the silence together. At Messy Church, the children made some beautiful wreaths and at our bible study groups this week we talked about the challenging fourth mark of mission. I was struck by some words that were shared 'Search out whatever in your own way of life may contain the seeds of war' as they remind us that all conflict begins with the actions or thoughts of one individual. Let's remember Jesus said, 'Blessed are the peace makers'.

MAPPA. The MAPPA for December was emailed out today. Please do check sooner rather than later, that you are able to do the tasks you have been allocated. If you are unavailable to make your allotted day, then please will you arrange to swap with someone else and then let Imogen know. If you have not received the MAPPA and were expecting to, then please let Imogen know. Spare copies are available at the back of the church.

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

Readers for Carol Service. Would you like to read at our Carol Service on Sunday 14 December? Anyone is welcome, whether you have read in church before or are a first timer! Please let Revd Emma know if you are interested. We need 8 volunteers. Thank you

Advent Calendars. We have two boxes of advent calendars available at £5.00 each. If you would like to purchase one, please take one from the back of church and pay on the sum-up machine or by giving cash to either the office, Revd Emma or Steve J. These make a great way to celebrate the real meaning of Christmas. Each one comes with a story book and fairtrade chocolate behind each window!



Bible Study Groups Autumn 2026. Our final Autumn bible study will be held on Tuesday 24 November. Please do join us if you are able**.** 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
Tend	24 November	

Advent Bible Study. We are fast approaching the season of Advent and this year for our Advent Study we will be using materials produced by Embrace the Middle East, 'A Stable Place'. These groups will be held on the following days:

Morning 11:00	Evening 1930
	24 November
1 December	
8 December	8 December
15 Decemer	15 December
22 December	22 December

If there is enough interest, I am also happy to run the groups on a Monday morning or evening (30 November, 7 December, 14 December, 21 December).

Please sign the sheet at the back of church if you would be interested in joining a Monday group.

If you are unable to join the Advent groups but would like to use this time to find out more about Embrace the Middle East and their work, why not sign up for their Journey through Advent reflections, filmed in the West Bank, and inspired by this year's Advent devotional, A Stable Place. You can sign up here: https://embraceme.org/sign-up-advent-reflections/#form-reflections

Christmas Leaflet Drop. As we did last year, we would like to drop a Christmas leaflet giving details of all our services and events into every house in our parish. Please sign the sheet at the back for the streets that you are able to deliver. We aim to complete this drop between Sunday 22 November and Friday 27 November so that everyone knows about our Christmas Fayre. This is a great way to share the love of Jesus with everyone in our parish and as always, many hands make light work. Leaflets will be available next Sunday.



Travelling Nativity. A few weeks ago, in my musings I mentioned the Mexican tradition of a Posada where figures of Mary, Joseph and a donkey travel round the parish during Advent, arriving in Church on Christmas Eve, reminding us that we need to make room for Jesus in our lives, homes and community. Each day in Advent a family or individual signs up to have them visit, and then each day the family who has had the visitor arranges to take them to the next house. There is a short liturgy to say together as you pass them on. If you would like to take part, please sign up for a day on the list at the back of church and encourage others to do the same.

Edinburgh Trip – Don't forget to sign up for this exciting adventure for 27-29 January 2027. Please speak to Bill S for more details.

Christmas Fayre 2026

Saturday 28 November
1100-1500



Our Christmas Fayre is only 2 weeks away and there is lots to do to ensure that it is a great success, especially as Maureen, who has been the chief organiser for the past few years is recovering from surgery and isn't able to do as much as usual. We all need to help to ensure it is a success,

Just to remind you, we need:
MORE VOLUNTEERS: to help on the stalls so that people can have a break during the fayre. Please sign up if you haven't already.
DONATIONS – particularly needed are T**oys, Bottles** (of any kind) and **Chocolate** for the Tombolas, **Preserves** (**Home-made Cakes & Biscuits** will be needed on the day) and raffle prizes. Please take a 'donations needed list' from the back of church as an aide-memoire.
RAFFLE PRIZES – including goods for the 1st prize Hamper – sign up for what you will donate for this on the list at the back of church. We will be selling raffle tickets at the Café, Charlies Angels and on Sundays.
POSTERS TO BE DELIVERED to local shops, GP surgeries, library etc. These are available at the back of church.
TAKE A POSTER – Please take a poster for your window – and some flyers to invite your friends/neighbours to come and join us – it's always a great community day.

Boxes are in the link for your donations which are accessible at any time the halls are open – thank you

Let's all help to make this Fayre a great success.

Coming up in church and on Facebook

Sunday 22 November – Christ the King

Readings: Ezekiel 34.11–16, 20–24, Psalm 95.1–7, Ephesians 1.15–end, Matthew 25.31–end

0930 Sung Eucharist

Officiant:	Revd Emma
Preacher:	David T
Churchwarden:	Bill
Musicians:	Simon and Choir
Readers:	John S
Intercessor:	David T
Chalice:	Lynn J
Welcomers:	Steve J

Music: 334 All people that on earth do dwell, 457 The King of love my Shepherd is, 465 Thou didst leave thy throne and thy kingly crown, 332 All hail the power of Jesu's name (omit * verses)
Anthem: Above all praise - Mendelssohn

1100 Morning Worship

Officiant:	Revd Emma
Preacher:	David T
Churchwarden:	
Musicians:	TBC
Readers:	Emma K
Intercessor:	Peter S
Welcomers:	David H
Powerpoint:	Nicola T

Music: 156 He is exalted, 346 Majesty, 114 From heaven you came, 309 King of Kings, majesty, 33 At the name of Jesus, 353 Meekness and majesty

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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Church Warden	Bill Simpson	churchwarden2@
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