KING CHARLES THE MARTYR CHURCH
Know Christ More • Make Christ Known

Church of King Charles the Martyr
NOTICES
Sunday 22 November
Christ the King

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
Preacher:	David T
Churchwarden:	Bill S
Musicians:	Simon and Choir
Readers:	John S
Intercessor:	David T
Chalice:	Lynn J
Welcomers:	Jean B

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:	Revd Emma
Musicians:	Adrian and singers
Readers:	Emma K
Intercessor:	Peter S
Welcomers:	David H
Powerpoint:	Gary D

Music: 156 He is exalted, 346 Majesty, 114 From heaven you came, 309 King of Kings, majesty, 353 Meekness and majesty, 613 (NEP)Christ Triumphant ever reigning

Readings for Sunday 22 November

Collect
Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Ezekiel 34.11–16, 20–24 – *page 865*
Psalm 95.1–7
Ephesians 1.15–end – *page 1173*
Matthew 25.31–end – *page 995*

Post Communion
Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Safeguarding Awareness: It was really good to hear from Helen and Judith about our safeguarding work with vulnerable adults, and I know lots of you felt that you understood better how small actions can help us safeguard all our church family. As part of our prayers this week, I encourage you to use this safeguarding prayer: *Dear God, Help us to be a Church that: Loves, welcomes, protects. Listens, learns, serves. Repents, restores, transforms. Values, cares, believes. God of Justice and compassion, hear our prayer. Help us, heal us, guide us, we pray. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

Eco Tip Christ the King: Why not give the gift of membership of an eco or wildlife charity to someone for Christmas, eg Woodland Trust, RSPB, The Wildlife Trusts or buy things from their catalogues to help fund eco projects.

Musings from the Vicarage



Last Saturday, a group of us gathered for our church away morning, during which we spent time reflecting on Jesus' words in John's Gospel: *"I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing."* (John 15:5) After dwelling in the word, we walked the KCM pilgrimage and then thought about the many things we do as a church and how they help us to fulfil our vision, *"To know Christ more and make Christ known."* As the morning progressed, we gradually built up a vine which is in the prayer corner, adding leaves and bunches of grapes that we had written our thoughts and reflections on. What began as something rather bare, slowly became a picture of the life of our church, the things we do, the people we serve, and the ways in which we hope to grow.

At the heart of our morning was not simply what we do, but why we do it, and where the strength to do it comes from. Because Jesus doesn't tell his disciples to go out and produce as much fruit as possible, he tells them first to abide in him, to remain connected to him, just as the branches remain connected to the vine. The fruit then comes out of that relationship. I wonder if that is something that we sometimes forget or even neglect as we get caught up in the busyness of Church life. Everything we do is important, but it can be very easy to become so caught up in doing things for God that we forget to spend time simply being with God.



Then, on Sunday, as part of Safeguarding Sunday, we returned to the same passage from John, this time alongside the words of St Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians, reminding us that love protects, trusts, hopes and perseveres - the theme for this year being, *Love Protects.* We reflected on how safeguarding is not simply about policies, procedures and training, important though those things are, but about creating a community in which everyone is valued, listened to, respected and kept safe; a community in which we have the courage to speak up when something is wrong, and where love is expressed not just in words but in actions.

And once again, we found ourselves returning to the vine, because if we are truly abiding in Christ, then his love should be visible in the fruit that we bear. Not simply in the number of activities we organise or the people who come through our doors, but in the way we treat one another, the care we show to those who are vulnerable, and our willingness to do what is right, even when it is difficult.

Perhaps that was the challenge of both Saturday and Sunday as we want to be a church that makes Christ known in our community, but we can only do that authentically if we are continuing to know him more deeply ourselves. The two parts of our vision belong together. One cannot flourish without the other.



As we approach Advent, perhaps this is a good time to ask ourselves whether we are making enough space to abide in Christ, to listen to him, to pray, to reflect and to allow his love to shape our lives, because the fruit we are called to bear isn't something we manufacture through our own efforts. It grows as we remain connected to the one who gives us life. What we also must remember is that we are all connected to the same vine despite our different gifts and ways of service, because we are joined together in Christ. It is as we as individuals and as a church remain rooted in him, and connected to one another, that we can truly become a community in which his love is made known.

Thank you for all you do to make Christ known to our community and to help ensure that we are creating a church family in which everyone is valued, listened to, respected and kept safe; a community in which we have the courage to speak up when something is wrong, and where love is expressed not just in words but in actions. It is my prayer that as we approach a new church year, we will all commit to making time to make sure that we are abiding in Christ too because that is when we will bear fruit.

Revd Emma

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

Prayer – Week beginning 22 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: the Royal Family and particularly King Charles III that he will, like King Charles 1, hold fast to his faith in God and take his role as defender of the faith seriously upholding Christian values in our country.
Those who live in: Kimptons Close, Kimptons Mead, Laurel Avenue
The recently departed: Marion Bowden and any others known to us personally.
Anniversary of death: Danny Ryan, Mary Thomas, Noel Grainger, priest, Ada Frances Olney, Stanley Hartland and all those whose anniversary occurs at this time
This week's Embrace the Middle East prayer: Based in Cairo, Egypt, we pray for new Embrace partner IMPACT, which empowers women from marginalised communities with sewing, business and finance skills to establish their own micro enterprises, supporting and mentoring one another through the Bridges of Hope project.

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*

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 2000
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
Friday 4 December	Wreath Making – last few places remaining
Saturday 5 December	0830 Breakfast Prayers at United Reformed Church
Sunday 6 December	1700 Christmas Songs of Praise



Stir up Sunday Workshops Saturday 21 November and 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. Donations welcome.

Christmas Leaflet Drop. Our leaflets, giving details of all our Christmas services have arrived, and now they need to be delivered to 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. Why not make it into a prayer walk and as you go and deliver pray because as Eleanor Sanderson says in her Advent book, then our initiative honours God, making where we walk in prayer holy ground.

NOTICES

Readers for Carol Service. Thank you for those who have already volunteered to read at our Carol Service on Sunday 13 December. I need four more volunteers so if you are thinking about doing it, please let me know. Anyone is welcome, whether you have read in church before or are a first timer! 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!

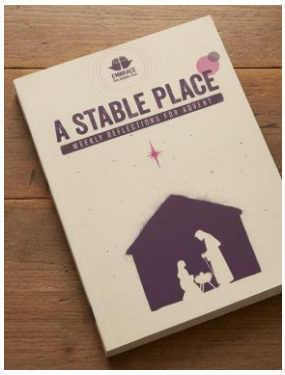


Bible Study Groups Autumn 2026. Our final Autumn bible study will be held on Tuesday 24 November. Please do join us if you are able**.**

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 December	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 the church if you would be interested in joining a Monday group.

Embrace the Middle East Advent Journey: 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



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.



Showing of The Story of Everything.
On Tuesday 1 December at 20:15 we will be showing this film in the Main Hall and there will be popcorn! The Story of Everything is '*a cinematic exploration of the cosmos that reveals the hidden hand behind our universe. From the precise laws that govern the stars to the intricate patterns found in every living cell, the film traces evidence of intentional design throughout nature*' - just what we have been looking at in Cafe Church!



Annual commemoration of the martyrdom of King Charles 1. As you know a group from KCM will be travelling to Edinburgh to attend the service there. However, everyone has the opportunity to join the service in London on Saturday 30th January (the actual day of the martyrdom) where the Archdeacon of London, the Venerable Luke Miller will be preaching – you may remember him from my installation. If you would be interested in coming, please let Bill or Lynn know. It would be great to have a good cohort from KCM at the service. For those of you who are members of the union, subscription fees which are due 1st January are £15.00 for an individual, and £20.00 for a couple.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE 2026

Saturday 28 November
1100-1500

There is only a week to go!!!!

Thank you to everyone who has offered to help and donated items to sell but we still need more especially:

- Bottles for the tombola
- Chocolate for the chocolate tombola
- Toiletries, Gifts and Christmassy bits that can be sold on stalls
- Raffle prizes
- Preserves, home-made cakes and biscuits for the cake stall (these can be bought to church on Friday or on the morning of the fayre)

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



SETTING UP FOR THE FAYRE

Many hands make light work so, if you are free on **Thursday 26 November** from 20.00, please come and help move the tables and donations down from upstairs.

If you are running a stall, or if you would like to help set up a stall, then people will be at the hall all day on Friday setting up. Please come and help – again, the more help there is, the easier this becomes.

There are still more posters which can be delivered to local shops, GP surgeries, library etc. These are available at the back of church and don't forget to put one up in your window and to invite your friends/neighbours to come and join us – it's always a great community day.

Please talk to the stall holder or Maureen/Jenny/Lynn/John/Helen/Ruth/Elouise/Karen if you have any queries

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

Coming up in church and on Facebook

Sunday 29 November – Advent 1

Readings: Isaiah 64.1-9, Psalm 80.1-8, 18-20 [or 80.1-8], 1 Corinthians 1.3-9, Mark 13.24-end

0930 Sung Eucharist

Officiant:	Revd Emma
Churchwarden:	Mavis S
Musicians:	Simon and Choir
Readers:	Helen S
Intercessor:	Revd Emma
Chalice:	John S
Welcomers:	Jean B

Music: 366 God of mercy, God of grace, 14 The advent of our God, 16 Wake, O wake! With tidings thrilling, 15 The Lord will come and not be slow
Anthem: Advent Prose

1100 Café Church

Leader:	David T
Churchwarden:	Phil T
Readers:	Peter S
Intercessor:	Gary D
Welcomers:	Ann D

Two more challenging questions that you have asked which David and Emma will attempt to answer. Do come and join us and invite your friends as well.



Advanced Notice: Cafe Church on 27 December will be Cafe Church with a difference, as all the Church Family are invited to David and Penny's house for lunch. Watch out for more details but book the date now.

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:

The Vicar	**Revd Emma-Jane Wilkinson**	**Rest Day: Friday**
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Church Warden	Bill Simpson	churchwarden2@
Safeguarding Officer	Helen Schmitz	safeguarding@
Admin Assistant	Imogen St Pierre	office@
Halls Administrator	Nikki Edwards	halls@
PCC Secretary	Nicola Thrussell	pccsecretary@
Treasurer	Steve Jones	treasurer@
Building Committee Chair	Phil Townsend	buildings@
Music	Simon Worley	music@
Social Events		events@



KCM CHRISTMAS FAYRE – 28th NOVEMBER 2026.

We are looking for a variety of new or good quality items for any of the following stalls: donations can be taken to the church – boxes are in the link accessible at any time the halls are open, or to the café on a Thursday, or given to group leaders.

Please ask friends and neighbours and social groups if they have anything they could donate and put the date in your diary so that you come along and join in the fun.

Stalls	
Bottles Tombola (both alcoholic and non-alcoholic) (multiple)	As well as Bottles of alcohol, this could be soft drinks, washing up liquid, hand wash, shower gel, cooking oil – in fact anything that comes in a bottle – use your imagination! 😊
Children's Chocolate Tombola (multiple)	Large or small – it doesn't matter or multi-packs which can be split.
Children's Toys and Games	New or pre-loved – clean please and in good condition
Gifts/Toiletries/Jewellery	Please make sure toiletries are in date and unused. Any unwanted gifts in your cupboard? – gratefully received.
Crafts	Our team are busy making items but we would welcome more. Do you have suitable items? Do you have a gift for crafting of any sort, please let us know – we'd love to expand our group – speak to Maureen or Jenny.
Home-made Preserves & Cakes, Biscuits etc.	Our fabulous home-made cakes and preserves are always a great hit – please let us know if you can provide cakes/mince pies/preserves etc. Cakes would need to be brought on the day.
Tombola	Any items suitable as a prize on a general Tombola suitable for Children or Adults
Raffle Prizes	New items suitable as a Raffle Prize or to include in a Hamper.