KING CHARLES THE MARTYR CHURCH
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Church of King Charles the Martyr
NOTICES
Sunday 8 November
Remembrance 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:	Phil
Musicians:	Simon and Choir
Readers:	Lynn J
Intercessor:	Revd Emma
Chalice:	Helen S
Welcomers:	Steve J

Music: 417 O God, our help in ages past, 372 He who would valiant be, 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, 699 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

Readings for Sunday 8 November

Collect
Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amos 5: 18 - 24 - *page*
Psalm 70
1 Thessalonians 4.13-end – *page 1188*
Matthew 25.1-13 – *page 994*

Post Communion
God of peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
and by your healing power
make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

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

I love this time of year not just for the autumn colours but also for the season of remembrance that the church is now in.



Last Saturday on All Hallows Eve, around 50 people came to our Saints and Sausages party, many of whom hadn't stepped foot inside the church before. Thank you to everyone who made it possible. Then on Sunday we celebrated both Hugo's baptism and All-Saints day. Hugo being welcomed into the family of the church, was a great reminder that we are all loved by God and all saints running the race of life cheered on by the great cloud of witnesses who have gone before us.



In the afternoon we gathered for our annual service of thanksgiving and remembrance of those who we have loved and lost. This was a really moving service and it was great to see many people who would not normally be in church. Thank you to everyone who made it possible, especially those who served the refreshments and baked cakes for the occasion, and to the musicians for the ambience you created.



On Monday evening we gathered to celebrate All-Souls day and at the Eucharist we lit candles for the 8 priests, some of whom you may remember, who have been part of this church's history but have since died. As I said in my sermon, as I thought about them, I was struck that they had all, at different times and in different ways, a part of the life of this parish, stood at the altars, preached the gospel, celebrated the Eucharist, baptised children, blessed marriages, prayed with people in times of joy and sorrow, and commended those who had died into God's safe keeping.

Their ministry here may have come to an end, but their place in God's family has not. The church we now worship in has been shaped by the prayers, faith and service of those who have gone before us. We stand, in a very real sense, on the foundations that they, along with Di Williams, Michael Burns, Atalie Gaines and everyone who has ever been part of the congregation here, helped to build.



That service was held at the Apostles' Altar and there seemed something particularly poignant about that, it being the first time I had presided there. That altar faces east and for centuries, Christians have looked towards the east in prayer, towards the rising sun, as a sign of Christ, the light of the world, and of the resurrection hope that lies at the heart of our faith. It was a lovely reminder that as we look back with gratitude and sometimes sadness at those who have gone before us, we do so facing towards the promise of what is still to come. And I believe God has great things in store for us because as my grandmother always said, with God the best is yet to come.



So remember in this season of remembering, that you are all saints and that you all have a part to play in the mission and ministry of this church, because as St Paul says in Romans, 'For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us' and I paraphrase, if your gift is washing up or baking cakes, being musical or great at administration, arranging flowers or gardening, welcoming people or reading, praying or befriending, preaching or working with children, serving at tables or at the altar, cleaning or clearing up after events, whatever your gift use it to the glory of God. Thank you for being my fellow saints on this exciting next chapter in the life of KCM.

Rev'd Emma

Safeguarding Awareness: At we approach remembrance Sunday, we remember that one of the rights of children is that they cannot partake in conflict or join an armed group until they are 18. Yet, UNICEF reports that between 2005 and 2022, more than 105000 children were verified as recruited and used by parties in conflict, although he actual number of cases is believed to be much higher. Let's pray for these children and their families and keep working to ensure that all children receive the rights afford to ours.

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.

Prayer – Week beginning 8 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 who work for our armed forces and their families and friends. Pray also for an end to war in the 65 countries which are currently involved in some form of active conflict, praying especially for peace in Russia, Ukraine, Gaza, Israel, Sudan and Myanmar.

Those who live in: Drayton Avenue, The Drive, Dugdale Hill Lane

Those who are in need of our prayers: Marion Palmer, Jak Jones, Helen Cooper, Thomas Shirley, Carol Richards, Sue Grant, Zayden Hipgrave, Anne Curley, Graham Barker, Daniel Sutcliffe, Bella, Tim Munslow and others known to us personally.

Those with longer term needs: Maggie Baldwin, Terri Burrows, Sasha Burt, Peter Haigh, Elaine Hartland, Gwen Jones, Neil Jones, Joan Kilburn, Sue Lothian, Keith Nichols, Victoria O'Neil, Joy Rowley, Joseph Simpson, Jean Stacey, Ellie Thrussell, Lucy Thurlow, Philip Worley

We give thanks: Thomas Shirley has been moved back to Barnet Hospital and that Anne Curley has completed her 6 weeks of intensive treatment.

The recently departed: Derek Lacey (funeral on 11/11/26 at New Southgate Crematorium) and any others known to us personally.

Anniversary of death: May Notley, George Niblett, Jean Kenyon 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: Embrace partner MERATH works with local churches in Syria providing a support centre for women who have experienced gender based violence and abuse. Often fear, financial dependence and a lack of knowledge of their rights mean women remain silent about abuse. We pray for all at the support centre helping women escape harmful environments and empowering them for the future

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 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	1200 Derek Lacey's funeral at New Southgate
	1900 Christmas Fayre working party
Thursday 12 November	1600 Interfaith Peace Vigil at The Wyllyotts.
Friday 13 November	Wine Tasting
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



Potters Bar Interfaith Peace Event A newly formed Interfaith group in Potters Bar is holding a peace vigil on Thursday 12 November 1600 – 1800 at the Wyllyotts. If you would be interested in going, please let Revd Emma know as we have 6 tickets for the event. At it, various faith leaders, including me, will be speaking for about 2 minutes on the importance of light in their faith. I plan to talk about the paschal candle and the giving of a candle at baptism. It would be great for this event to be well supported.

There is also another **interfaith event at St Albans Cathedral** on Monday, November 16 1900 – 2100, where Bishop Rob Wickham, CEO of the Church Urban Fund (CUF) will be speaking. Bishop Rob has recently been appointed to the new Civil Society Council, established by the Prime Minister.

NOTICES

IMPORTANT KCM Away Day Please, if you intend coming to the Away Day please sign the list at the back of church because we need to make a decision as to whether to change the focus of the day or postpone it until the new year as currently there are not really enough people to ensure that we capture the views of a wide range of people.

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.

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!



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

Derek Lacey's Funeral: Derek's family have asked me to share with you the live link for Derek's funeral on Wednesday 11 November at 12:30 Please do keep the family in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

https://watch.obitus.com/login/zccft6 Username: vinu4108 Password: 840843

Edinbugh Trip – Don't forget to sign up for this exciting adventure. See last weeks notice sheet for more details.

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

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 Saturday 14 November and Thursday 26 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 (hopefully) 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 the 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



Our Christmas Fayre is only 3 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 **Toys, Toiletries & Gifts**, **Bottles** (of any kind) and **Chocolate** for the Tombolas, **Plants & Pots, Books and Puzzles** (complete only please), **Preserves** (**Home-made Cakes & Biscuits** will be needed on the day). 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

Please do come to the workshop on Wednesday evening in the church, where we will be sorting what we have and beginning to set things up. We may even be creative that evening! Come and join the fun.



We are also considering a 'Stir-up Sunday' workshop on either Saturday 21 November 10:00 – 12:00 or Sunday 22 November 14:00 – 16:00 where we can make small Christmas cakes and puddings. Let Rev Emma know if you would be interested and your preferred time.

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

Coming up in church and on Facebook

Sunday 15 November

Safeguarding Sunday



Readings: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13, Psalm 103, 1 John 4: 7-12, John 15:1-17

0930 Sung Eucharist

Officiant:	Revd Emma
Churchwarden:	Helen and John
Musicians:	Simon and Choir
Reader:	TBC
Intercessor:	Lynn J
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) Love Divine all loves excelling

Anthem: God be in my head – Walford-Davies

1115 Morning Worship

Officiant:	Revd Emma
Churchwarden:	Robin B
Readers:	Pina H
Intercessor:	Emma K
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

Safeguarding = Protection, Protection = Love, Therefore,
Safeguarding = Love in Action

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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Lay Minister / Reader	David Thomson	reader@
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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 – and for volunteers to man/woman them! Please sign up to help even if it is only for an hour!! Donations can be brought to church at any time – boxes will be in the link, or to the café on a Thursday, or given to your uniformed organisation group leaders or one of the organising team.

Please spread the word - ask friends, neighbours and your social groups if they can support us with donations – and don't forget to invite everyone to join us on the day!

Stalls	
Raffle	New Items or Vouchers
Bottle Tombola	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! ☺
Tombola	Anything suitable for a Tombola, new or very good condition, or vouchers.
Children's Chocolate Tombola (multiple)	Large or small – it doesn't matter or multi-packs which can be split.
Toys/Games	New or clean, good quality pre-loved items – if you don't need it anymore, someone else might be delighted to have it.
Toiletries	Please ensure toiletries are in date and unused.
Gifts/Jewellery	Any unwanted gifts in your cupboard? – gratefully received.
Cards	Any homemade cards or other cards to sell
Books/Puzzles/CD's	Good condition books, complete puzzles only please.

Home-made Preserves & Cakes etc.	Our fabulous home-made cakes and preserves are always a great hit – please sign up if you are able to provide cakes/mince pies/marmalade etc. to be brought on Friday or on the day.
Crafts Paintings Other hidden talents??	Any homemade craft items – we have many in our congregation and amongst our friends who have countless talents – what might you be able to bring? Whilst we are busy making Christmas items for our Christmas stall, we would welcome anything suitable for our crafts table. We are always looking to expand our group.
Christmas Stall	Any items specifically for Christmas.
Plant Stall	Plants, cuttings, and decorative plant pots
Santa's Grotto (in church)	Santas and elves needed! If can help, speak to Revd Emma
Children's Crafts (in church)	Any ideas – speak to Revd Emma
Café	Homemade cakes – please contact Jenny D
Christmas Hamper	There will be a list soon of items that can be purchased to include in the hamper for main raffle prize.
 **Any else that you think would be useful or that you can offer!** 	