

❖ SECOND READING *Mark 13. 24-end*

²⁴ 'But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light,²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.²⁶ Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. ²⁷ Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. ²⁸ 'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰ Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.³² 'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come.³⁴ It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵ Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶ or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷ And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent 10th December 2017

8AM HOLY COMMUNION(BCP)
10AM PARISH COMMUNION(CW)
6.30PM EVENING PRAYER(BCP)

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King Charles the Martyr Church, Tunbridge Wells



**King Charles the Martyr
Tunbridge Wells**

**First Sunday of
Advent**

3rd December 2017

Welcome to King Charles the Martyr – especially if you are visiting. A melody edition of the hymn book is available – please ask a sidesman for a copy. We hope you will enjoy your time with us. Refreshments are served after the 10am Service in the Hall. Please join us if you can.

Today's Services

8AM HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)

1 Corinthians 1. 3-9, Mark 13. 24-end

President: The Revd Laurence Powell

10AM FAMILY SERVICE-CHRISTINGLE

President: The Revd Laurence Powell

A creche is available in the Church Hall. Please ask a sidesman for directions.

6.30PM ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

President: The Revd Laurence Powell

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Advent Sunday marks the beginning of the Church's year and introduces a season of penitance and reflection as we await the mystery of God's incarnation in the birth of the Christ child. Today is an 'adventure' in which we seek the light of Christ to illuminate the darkness. In our Christingle Service we hold the light in our hands and carry it back in to the world. In our Advent Carol Service we reflect on God's love towards the world and await the coming of the promised Messiah.

Collect for the Week

Almighty God

Give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light,

now in the time of this mortal life,

in which your son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;

that on the last day,

when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead,

we may rise to the life immortal;

through him who is alive and reigns with you,

and the Holy Spirit,

One God, now and for ever.



This Week at King Charles

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| Wed 6th | 11.30am HOLY COMMUNION(BCP) |
| Thurs 7 th | 11am Mead School Nativity |
| Fri 8th | 1pm Prayers in the Quiet Corner 6.30pm Carols at Christmas |

Notices.

1. Charities of the Month

The Childrens' Society:

Retiring collection at the Christingle Service and half the collection taken at the Scratch Nativity.

Childline:

half the Scratch Nativity collection.

The Samaritans:

half the Carol Service collection.

Build Africa:

half the Carol Service collection.

2. December Magazine

The beautiful December Magazine is available at the back of the Church along with the Parish Magazine 2018 annual subscription form. Please take one and return the form to the Parish Office as soon as possible.

3. Carols at Christmas

A Christmas Carol Concert in aid of Hospice in the Weald on Friday 8th December at 6.30pm in the Church. Tickets cost £15 (under 16s £7.50) and are available from: www.hospiceintheweald.org.uk, or from: 01892 820588. Please do come and support the concert, for more details please contact Paul Plumley on 0792 5615601.

4. Christmas Services at King Charles

A leaflet with details of our Advent and Christmas Services is now available at the back of the Church, please do take one.

5. Christmas Invitation

Laurence and Caz warmly invite all members of the Parish to Christmas drinks and nibbles at The Vicarage, Oak House, Rodmell Road, TN25 5ST on Tuesday 19th December from 7pm onwards. During the evening the new Vicarage Study will be blessed.

6. T@3

Monday 11th December 3pm in the church hall - everyone of all ages welcome! Christmas music and sing-along with a dash of opera with mezzo soprano Iwona Januszajtis - and a celebration Christmas party tea. £2 entry.

7. Guide Dogs for the Blind

A reminder, for those who do not take the parish magazine, that I collect used postage stamps, ordinary as well as Christmas and overseas, in aid of Guide Dogs for the blind. Please leave them on the Church Watch table. Many thanks Erica Haines.

8. A note on Christmas Eve morning

You may have noted that Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year. I have decided to cancel the 8am Communion Service and there will be a very simple said Communion Service at 10am on Christmas Eve morning. Our usual pattern of services will then follow from 4pm with Scratch Nativity and at 11.30pm Midnight Mass. There will of course be a 8am Communion and 10am sung Communion service on Christmas Day.
Laurence

Readings Today

❖ FIRST READING *1 Corinthians 1. 3-9,*

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶ just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷ so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸ He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Charity Collections for December
see notice above*