

❖ GOSPEL *Mark 1. 4-11*

<sup>4</sup>John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'  
<sup>9</sup> In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

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## Next Sunday: Second Sunday of Epiphany 14th January 2018

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  
Epiphany  
7th January 2018**

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*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.*

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*Today's Service*

**8AM HOLY COMMUNION(BCP)**

*Acts 19. 1-7, Mark 1. 4-11,*

*President: The Revd Laurence Powell*

**10AM FAMILY SERVICE/TOY SERVICE**

*President: The Junior Church*

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

**6.30PM HOLY COMMUNION(CW)**

*President: The Revd Sarah Partridge*

*Genesis 1. 1-5, Acts 19. 1-7, Mark 1. 4-11*

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THE EPIPHANY CELEBRATES THE ARRIVAL OF THE MAGI who have come to honour the infant King. The gifts they present are symbols which recognise Jesus as the Messiah, the promised one from God. Today we bring our own gifts to the manger and thank God for all that we have.

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### Collect for the Week

*O God,  
who by the leading of a star  
manifested your only Son to the peoples  
of the earth:  
mercifully grant that we,  
who know you now by faith,  
may at last behold your glory face to face;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.*



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# This Week at King Charles

Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>	3pm	T@3 in the Hall
	8pm	Baptism Enquiries in the Upper Room
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	11.30am	HOLY COMMUNION(BCP)
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	1pm	Prayers in the Quiet Corner

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## Notices.

### 1. T@3

1. T@3 will be held in the Hall tomorrow 8th Jan at 3pm. All welcome

### 2. Charities for the Month

There are no Charity Collections in January

### 3. 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.

### 4. St Andrews University Madrigal Group

The St Andrews University Madrigal Group will be performing in the Church on Saturday 20th January at 6pm. Contact Rupert Preston Bell 01892 547835 for tickets and more information. Also see pages 19 & 31 in the Parish Magazine.

### 5. King Charles Lecture 2018

The King Charles Patronal Lecture takes place on Saturday 27th January at 2.30pm See page 22 in the Parish Magazine for more details.

### 6. KCM Quiz

The date is Friday 2nd February, 7 pm for 7.15 pm start. The cost is as before, £10 adult and £5 for children. Menu is either fish or sausage and chips. See page 31 in the Magazine.

### 7 Church Giving

In addition to our usual ways of giving, you can now donate money to the Church via Text Message. Simply text the code KCTM11 followed by either £1, £2, £3, £4, £5 or £10 to 70070. Thank you

## Readings Today

❖ FIRST READING *Genesis 1. 1-5,*

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, ‘Let there be light’; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

❖ SECOND READING *Acts 19. 1-7,*

<sup>1</sup>While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. <sup>2</sup>He said to them, ‘Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?’ They replied, ‘No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.’ <sup>3</sup>Then he said, ‘Into what then were you baptized?’ They answered, ‘Into John’s baptism.’ <sup>4</sup>Paul said, ‘John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.’ <sup>5</sup>On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— <sup>7</sup>altogether there were about twelve of them.

**No Charity Collections for January**  
**Yellow gift aid envelopes at the back of the Church**