

❖ GOSPEL John 1. 1-14,

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Next Sunday: Sunday next before Lent 11th February 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**

**Second Sunday
before Lent
4th February 2018**

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 Service

8AM HOLY COMMUNION(BCP)

Colossians 1. 15-20, John 1. 1-14,

President: The Revd Sarah Partridge

10AM FAMILY SERVICE

Presidents: The Revd Laurence Powell

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A creche is available in the Church Hall.

Please ask a sidesman for directions.

6.30PM HOLY COMMUNION(CW)

President: The Revd Laurence Powell

*Proverbs 8. 1, 22-31, Colossians 1. 15-20,
John 1. 1-14,*

THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE is an early episode in the life of Jesus that is celebrated by the Church on the holiday of Candlemass and marks the end of the Christmas and Epiphany season. It is described in the Gospel of Luke. The Gospel narration of the Presentation in the Temple combines the purification rite with the Jewish ceremony of the redemption. On seeing Jesus, Simeon declares that Jesus is "a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to his people Israel."

Collect for the Week

Almighty God,

*you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:*

*teach us to discern your hand in all your
works*

and your likeness in all your children;

*through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns*

supreme over all things,

now and for ever.



This Week at King Charles

Mon 5th 8pm Baptism Enquiries

Wed 7th 11.30am HOLY COMMUNION(BCP)

Fri 9th 1pm Prayers in the Quiet Corner

Notices.

1. Stewardship Sunday

We will be holding a Stewardship campaign throughout Lent this year. The launch will be on Sunday 18th of February. Please put this date in your diary.

2. Lent Course

This years Lent course is taken from the Pilgrim Programme and the six sessions fall under the title of Church and Kingdom. The course begins on Wednesday the 21st of February at 12:30pm and repeated at 7:30pm. All are welcome to take part.

Please see the leaflet at the back of church for more details.

3. Charity of the month cake sale

The King Charles Cavaliers are holding a cake sale after church next Sunday 11th February in aid of Toilet Twinning. Please do come along to the hall to support us. Contributions will be very gratefully received before the service as well.

4. Craft and sew

On February 19th 2-4 pm King Charles the Martyr Church Hall - New group open to all ages doing a variety of crafts, no charge for the crafts but bring 50p for a cup of tea and possibly cake. Also if anyone is having a clear out of any donations of unwanted craft materials gratefully received.

5 'Don't lose your head: King Charles the Martyr's easy guide to cooking'

- We have decided to do a parish cook book with a slight difference, easy recipes, cheap recipes, emergency recipes for unexpected guests, recipes that can be prepared in advance, recipes that cater for dietary requirements. If you have any you

dietary requirements. If you have any you would like to contribute please contact caroline.powell88@outlook.com. Even better if you would like to bring the finished result please do so on March 11th so we can photograph them for the book. We will be launching it at the *summer fete on 7th July.*

Readings Today

❖ FIRST READING Proverbs 8. 1, 22-31,

⁸Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice?²² The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. ²³ Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. ²⁴ When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. ²⁵ Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth— ²⁶ when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. ²⁷ When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, ²⁸ when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, ²⁹ when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, ³⁰ then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, ³¹ rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

❖ SECOND READING Colossians 1. 15-20,

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Charity Collections for February

Toilet Twinning

Yellow gift aid envelopes at the back of the Church