

❖ SECOND READING *1 Peter 3. 18-end,*

18For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, 19in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, 20who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. 21And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

❖ GOSPEL *Mark 1. 9-15,*

9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10And 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. 11And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.’ 12 And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. 13He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. 14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, 15and saying, ‘The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.’



**King Charles the Martyr
Tunbridge Wells**

**First Sunday of Lent
18th 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)

1 Peter 3. 18-end, Mark 1. 9-15,

President: The Revd Sarah Partridge

10AM PARISH COMMUNION(CW)

*Genesis 9. 8-17, 1 Peter 3. 18-end,
Mark 1. 9-15*

Hymns: 135, 629, 121, 595

President: The Revd Sarah Partridge,

Deacon: The Revd Laurence Powell,

Preacher: The Revd Sarah Partridge

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

6.30PM CHORAL EVENSONG(BCP)

President: Mr Paul Clark

Genesis 2. 15-17; 3. 1-7, Romans 5. 12-19

TODAY WE LAUNCH our Stewardship Campaign as we think about how we resource our church in the future.

Next Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent 25th February 2018

8AM HOLY COMMUNION(BCP)

10AM PARISH COMMUNION(CW)

6.30PM CELTIC MEDITATIVE PRAYER

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King Charles the Martyr Church, Tunbridge Wells

Collect for the Week

Almighty God,

*whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in
the wilderness,*

*and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in*

obedience to your Spirit;

and, as you know our weakness,

so may we know your power to save;

*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.



This Week at King Charles

Wed 21st 11.30am HOLY COMMUNION(BCP)

12.30PM LENT COURSE IN UPPER ROOM

7.30PM LENT COURSE IN UPPER ROOM

Fri 23rd 1.00pm Prayers in the Quiet Corner

Notices.

1. Stewardship Sunday

We will be holding a Stewardship campaign throughout Lent this year. The launch will be today 18th of February. Please take the Supporting Booklet.

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 **this Wednesday the 21st of February at 12:30pm and repeated at 7:30pm.** All are welcome to take part.

3. King Charles Cookbook

Please send any contributions to Caroline.powell88@outlook.com or hand them to Laurence or Caz.

4. Summer Fete

This years Summer Fete will be held on Saturday the 7th of July. Please put the date in your diary.

5. Craft and Sew

Craft and sew on **tomorrow-** Monday 19th February 2-4 pm in the Parish Hall, all welcome. Also if anyone is having a clear out of any donations of unwanted craft materials gratefully received.

6. Monthly women's social group

Framptons have kindly offered us 20% off the total bill if 15 or more people come. Anyone is welcome either for food or to join us for a few drinks. I have booked for 7.30 pm on 1st March. If you would like to come please email joycrumly@hotmail.co.uk so I can confirm numbers with the restaurant.

Readings Today

❖ FIRST READING *Genesis 9. 8-17,*

⁸ Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹‘As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.’ ¹²God said, ‘This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.’ ¹⁷God said to Noah, ‘This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.’

Charity Collections for February
Toilet Twinning

Yellow gift aid envelopes at the back of the Church