

❖ GOSPEL *Mark 8. 31-end,*

31 Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. 32 He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33 But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

34 He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 35 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. 36 For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? 37 Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? 38 Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

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## Next Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent 4th March 2018

8AM HOLY COMMUNION(BCP)

10AM FAMILY SERVICE

6.30PM HOLY COMMUNION(CW)

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King Charles the Martyr Church, Tunbridge Wells



**King Charles the Martyr  
Tunbridge Wells**

**Second Sunday of  
Lent  
25th February 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 Services*

**8AM HOLY COMMUNION(BCP)**

*Romans 4. 13-end, Mark 8. 31-end,*

President: The Revd Claire Allwood

**10AM PARISH COMMUNION(CW)**

*Genesis 17. 1-7, 15-16, Romans 4. 13-end,  
Mark 8. 31-end,*

Hymns: 4, 126, 763, 748

*President: The Revd Claire Allwood,*

*Deacon: The Revd Laurence Powell,*

*Preacher: The Revd Claire Allwood*

*A creche is available in the Church Hall.*

*Please ask a sidesman for directions.*

**6.30PM CELTIC MEDITATIVE PRAYER**

President: The Revd Sarah Partridge

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OUR BIBLE READINGS TODAY speak powerfully of the generous God "who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist." As Jesus calls us to take up our cross and follow Him, can we review our own gifts; the things that have been called into life in us and offer these as something beautiful for God.

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### Collect for the Week

*Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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

Wed 28th 11.30am HOLY COMMUNION(BCP)

12.30PM LENT COURSE IN UPPER ROOM

3PM FUNERAL OF MICHAEL BATCHELOR

7.30PM LENT COURSE IN UPPER ROOM

7PM FOR 7.30PM KCM MEN'S GROUP

Thurs 1st 7.30pm WOMAN'S SOCIAL GROUP @  
FRAMPTONS

Fri 2nd 1.00pm Prayers in the Quiet Corner

## Notices.

### 1. Stewardship Sunday

We will be holding a Stewardship campaign throughout Lent this year. Please take the Supporting Booklet.

### 2. Lent Course

Our second session is called 'AT HOME AND AT WORK' we will begin looking at how we live out our faith every day and at the importance of keeping the sabbath. The session takes place on Wednesday at 12:30pm and is repeated at 7:30pm in the Upper room of the Church Hall. Refreshments will be available. All are welcome.

### 3. King Charles Cookbook

Please send any contributions to [Caroline.powell88@outlook.com](mailto:Caroline.powell88@outlook.com) or hand them to Laurence or Caz.

### 4. Monthly women's social group

Reminder about the women's dinner on 1st March at Framptons.

If you'd like to come, please [email joycrumly@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:joycrumly@hotmail.co.uk) We need at least 15 people to benefit from their generous discount and I need to confirm numbers with the restaurant.

### 5. Rotas for March-June

The March - June rotas are available at the back of the Church in alphabetical order.

## Readings Today

### ❖ FIRST READING *Genesis 17. 1-7, 15-16,*

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. <sup>2</sup>And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' <sup>3</sup>Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, <sup>4</sup>'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup>No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup>I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup>I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.' <sup>15</sup> God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup>I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

### ❖ SECOND READING *Romans 4. 13-end,*

<sup>13</sup> For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup> If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. <sup>16</sup> For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup> as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup> Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' <sup>19</sup> He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. <sup>20</sup> No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup> Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' <sup>23</sup> Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup> but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup> who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

*Charity Collections for February  
Toilet Twinning*

*Yellow gift aid envelopes at the back of the Church*