

❖ GOSPEL *John 10. 11-18*

¹¹ 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep.¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'



**King Charles the Martyr
Tunbridge Wells**

**Fourth Sunday of
Easter
22nd April 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 John 3. 16-end, John 10. 11-18

President: The Revd Sarah Partridge

10AM PARISH COMMUNION(CW)

Acts 4. 5-12, 1 John 3. 16-end, John 10. 11-18

Hymns:664, 799, 671, 634

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 CELTIC MEDITATIVE PRAYER

President: The Revd Laurence Powell

' THE IMAGE OF JESUS AS THE GOOD SHEPHERD is a familiar one and a comforting one. But is there a danger that it is so familiar that we don't see the challenge that is presented? Today's epistle helps us to understand that it is we who are to take on the mantle of the shepherd and express our commitment to our faith in practical action.'

Next Sunday:Fifth Sunday of Easter

29th April 2018

8AM HOLY COMMUNION(BCP)

10AM PARISH COMMUNION(CW)

6.30PM CHORAL EVENSONG(BCP)

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King Charles the Martyr Church, Tunbridge Wells

Collect for the Week

Almighty God,

*whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection
and the life:*

raise us, who trust in him,

*from the death of sin to the life of
righteousness,*

*that we may seek those things which are
above,*

where he reigns with you

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.



This Week at King Charles

Wed 25th 11.30am HOLY COMMUNION(BCP)

7.30PM. KCM MEN'S GROUP

FRI 27TH 1PM. PRAYERS IN THE QUIET CORNER

SUN 29TH 11.45AM APCM IN THE HALL

Notices.

1. Electoral Roll and APCM

The electoral roll register closed on Sunday 15th April, two weeks before the APCM on 29th April. There is a copy of the current electoral roll on the notice board at the back of the church. **We would be very grateful for any cake donations to have alongside coffee at the APCM . Please bring any cakes to the hall before the 10 am service next Sunday.***Julia Marsh*

2 BRS Notes

Thank you for the BRS subscriptions / cheques and the May-Aug booklets are available at the back of the Church today.*Angela Phillips*

3. KCM Men's Group

The KCM Men's Group meet this Wednesday 25th April at 7pm for 7.30pm in Woods Restaurant where a splendid menu has been arranged with the guest speaker Anne Wagstaff talking about the exhibition of "Extraordinary People of Tunbridge Wells". Contact *Rodney Smith(523409)* for more information.

4. KCM Fete and Village Show 2018 Saturday 7th July

New this year is the KCM Village Show in the church as well as the Fete from 12-3pm. More details will follow, but it's a chance to have some fun and enter some of the many "classes" on offer, including baking, photography, jam and marmalade making, crafts and flower arranging. After judging the church will be open to view the entries whilst the fete takes place in the hall with a wonderful range of stalls including cakes, tombolas, plants, games and crafts. We'll be looking for people to look after/run stalls at the fete too – a signing up list will follow in due course! Please note the date.*Norma Buck*

5 Christian Aid Events In May

We will be supporting the work of Christian Aid throughout May. Following its success last year we will be offering **brunch** after the Family Service on **6th May**. A list to sign up is on the church watch table.

Plant Sale, 20th May

By the time of the Fete in July, it's too late to sell some plants to be of use (eg tomatoes) so we're hosting an advance plant sale on Sunday 20th May in the hall after the 10am service. If you have anything to sow, propagate or pot up to sell on this day tall contributions will be gratefully received (please bring to the hall before the start of the 10am service). If you would like to volunteer to coordinate the sale on the day then please contact *Norma Buck* on 541259. Thank you

6 Funeral

A thanksgiving service for the life of Bryan Potter will be held in the church on Friday 27th April 3pm. The family would love as many people to attend as possible.

Readings Today

❖ FIRST READING *Acts 4. 5-12,*

⁵ The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone."

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

❖ SECOND READING *1 John 3. 16-end,*

¹⁶We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? ¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

*Charity Collections for April
The Bridge Trust
Retiring collection today*