

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. 17Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. 18There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. 19We love because he first loved us. 20Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. 21The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also



**King Charles the Martyr  
Tunbridge Wells**

**Fifth Sunday of  
Easter  
29th 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 4. 7-end, John 15. 1-8*

*President: The Revd Laurence Powell*

**10AM PARISH COMMUNION(CW)**

*Acts 8. 26-end, 1 John 4. 7-end, John 15. 1-8  
Hymns:194, 472, 453, 468*

*President: The Revd Laurence Powell*

*Deacon: The Revd Sarah Partridge*

*Preacher: The Revd Laurence Powell*

*A creche is available in the Church Hall.*

*Please ask a sidesman for directions.*

**6.30PM CHORAL EVENSONG(BCP)**

*President: The Revd Claire Allwood*

*Isaiah 60.1-14, Revelation 3. 1-13, Ps 96*

## ❖ GOSPEL *John 15. 1-8*

15'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. 2He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit.

3You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. 4Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. 5I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.

6Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

8My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Today is the APCM where we review the work of the year.

## **Next Sunday:Sixth Sunday of Easter 6th May 2018**

**8AM HOLY COMMUNION(BCP)**

**10AM FAMILY SERVICE**

**6.30PM HOLY COMMUNION(CW)**

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## **Collect for the Week**

*Almighty God,*

*who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ*

*have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:*

*grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires,*

*so by your continual help*

*we may bring them to good effect;*

*through Jesus Christ our risen 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 2nd 11.30am HOLY COMMUNION(BCP)

FRI 4TH 1PM. PRAYERS IN THE QUIET CORNER

SUN 6TH 11.45AM BRUNCH IN THE HALL

## Notices.

### 1. APCM

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting takes place in the Hall after the 10am Service today.

### 2 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 next Sunday**. 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

### 3 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*.

## 4 BRS Notes

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

## 5 May Magazine

The beautiful May Magazine is available at the back of the Church today. Please support our advertisers.

## Readings Today

### ❖ FIRST READING *Acts 8. 26-end,*

26 Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) 27 So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. 29 Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' 30 So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' 31 He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him.

32 Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. 33 In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.' 34 The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?'

35 Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. 36 As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' 38 He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. 39 When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. 40 But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

### ❖ SECOND READING *1 John 4. 7-end,*

7 Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. 9 God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. 10 In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11 Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. 13 By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. 14 And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. 15 God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. 16 So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

*Charity Collections for April*

**The Bridge Trust**

Yellow Gift aid envelopes at the back of the Church