

❖ GOSPEL John 3. 1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' ³Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' ⁴Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' ⁵Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' ⁹Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' ¹⁰Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹ 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷ 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Next Sunday: First Sunday of Trinity 3rd June 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**

**Trinity Sunday
27th May 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)

Romans 8. 12-17, John 3. 1-17

President: The Revd Laurence Powell

10AM PARISH COMMUNION(CW)

Isaiah 6. 1-8, Romans 8. 12-17, John 3. 1-17

Hymns: 276, 256, 277, 663

President: The Revd Sarah Partridge

Deacon: The Revd Laurence Powell

Preacher: The Revd Laurence Powell

A creche is available in the Church Hall.

Please ask a sidesman for directions.

6.30pm Celtic Meditative Prayer

President: The Revd Sarah Partridge

Collect for the Week

*Almighty and everlasting God,
you have given us your servants grace,
by the confession of a true faith,
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal
Trinity
and in the power of the divine majesty to
worship the Unity:
keep us steadfast in this faith,
that we may evermore be defended from
all adversities;
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 30th 11.30am HOLY COMMUNION(BCP)

7.30PM KCM MEN'S GROUP

Fri 1st 1pm. Prayers in the Quiet Corner

Notices

1 Bishop of Estonia

The Bishop of Estonia will be visiting the Church at the beginning of July and will be attending the 10.30am Service on the 1st of July in the Vicarage Garden followed by the "Bring your own chair" picnic.

2 KCM Men's Group

The KCM Men's Group meet on Wednesday 30th May at 7pm for 7.30pm at Woods Restaurant in The Pantiles and John Cornish will kindly give a talk on "Security Printing in Central Asia-Tales from the Front". Contact Rodney Smith (523409) for more details.

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. 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. **Entry forms available today**. 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 June Magazine

The June Magazine which features very much on who we are as a community is available at the back of the church today. It is great value at a £1!

Readings Today

❖ FIRST READING Isaiah 6. 1-8,

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.'

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!' ⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

❖ SECOND READING *Romans 8. 12-17,*

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— ¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Charity Collections for May
Christian Aid

Gift aid envelopes at the back of the Church