

¹³I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between ¹⁴your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance¹⁵As it is written,

‘The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.’

¹⁶ But thanks be to God who put in the heart of Titus the same eagerness for you that I myself have. ¹⁷For he not only accepted our appeal, but since he is more eager than ever, he is going to you of his own accord. ¹⁶ But thanks be to God who put in the heart of Titus the same eagerness for you that I myself have. ¹⁷For he not only accepted our appeal, but since he is more eager than ever, he is going to you of his own accord. ¹⁸With him we are sending the brother who is famous among all the churches for his proclaiming of the good news; ¹⁹and not only that, but he has also been appointed by the churches to travel with us while we are administering this generous undertaking for the glory of the Lord himself and to show our goodwill.

²⁰We intend that no one should blame us about this generous gift that we are administering, ²¹for we intend to do what is right not only in the Lord’s sight but also in the sight of others. ²²And with them we are sending our brother whom we have often tested and found eager in many matters, but who is now more eager than ever because of his great confidence in you. ²³As for Titus, he is my partner and co-worker in your service; as for our brothers, they are messengers of the churches, the glory of Christ.

²⁴Therefore, openly before the churches, show them the proof of your love and of our reason for boasting about you.



**King Charles the Martyr
Tunbridge Wells**

**Fifth Sunday
after Trinity 1st
July 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)

2 Corinthians 8. 7-end, Mark 5. 21-end

President: The Revd Claire Allwood

**10.30AM FAMILY COMMUNION SERVICE
IN THE VICARAGE GARDEN**

*1 Samuel 1.1, 17-end, 2 Corinthians 8. 7-end,
Mark 5. 21-end*

*President: The Revd Laurence Powell
The Revd Claire Allwood*

6.30PM NO EVENING SERVICE

Next Sunday: Sixth Sunday after Trinity 8th July 2018

8AM HOLY COMMUNION(BCP)

10AM PARISH COMMUNION(CW)

6.30PM EVENING PRAYER(BCP)

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King Charles the Martyr Church, Tunbridge Wells

Collect for the Week

*Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the
Church is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your
faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus
Christ,
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

Mon 2nd 8pm Baptism Enquiries in the Upper Room-Contact Laurence (525455) if you are coming

Wed 4th 11.30am HOLY COMMUNION(BCP)

Fri 6th 1pm. Prayers in the Quiet Corner

Sat 7th. Noon Village Show and Summer Fete in the Church and Hall

Notices

1 Bishop of Estonia

We are delighted to welcome Bishop Tiit Salumae and other Estonian guests to the Family Communion Service this morning.

2 Village Show and Summer Fete- 7th July

Very many thanks to all who have signed up to help at the fete. We will be in contact well before the 7th giving you details of the stall we hope you will look after.

Contributions for the various stalls are still sought especially for the bottle and gift tombolas and may now be left in church during the week or brought to the services next Sunday.

Please do consider joining in the fun of the village show – we are still taking entries. Entry forms with details of all the classes are at the back of the church. It would be particularly good to have photographs. Just email the images to the parish office and they will be printed off for display.

3 Charity for June

Charity for June is youth work at our twinned church in Haapsalu, Estonia. More details are in the parish magazine. We are having a retiring collection TODAY when Bishop Tiit Salumae and other Estonian friends will be with us.

4. Baptism Enquiries

On Monday 2nd July at 8pm Baptism Enquiries will be held in the Upper Room. Please contact Laurence on TW 525455 if you are coming.

Charity Collections for July

Joshua

Gift aid envelopes at the back of the Church

Readings Today

❖ FIRST READING 1 Samuel 1.1, 17-end,

There was a certain man of Ramathaim, a Zuphite from the hill country of Ephraim, whose name was Elkanah son of Jeroham son of Elihu son of Tohu son of Zuph, an Ephraimite. ¹⁷Then Eli answered, 'Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him.' ¹⁸And she said, 'Let your servant find favour in your sight.' Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.

¹⁹ They rose early in the morning and worshipped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. ²⁰In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the Lord.'

²¹ The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. ²²But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the Lord, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' ²³Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only—may the Lord establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him.

²⁴When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young. ²⁵Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli.

²⁶And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. ²⁷For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him. ²⁸Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord.' She left him there for the Lord.

❖SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 8. 7-end,

⁷Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

⁸ I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. ⁹For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. ¹⁰And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something— ¹¹now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹²For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have.