

Notices:

1. **Craft Group Christmas Sale**
The Craft Group will be running a stall for a local charity today after the 10am service in the Hall, please come and support their wonderful creations.
2. **Baptism Enquiries**
For anyone interested in finding out about being baptised, there is an opportunity to discuss what is involved on Monday the 2nd December at 8pm. Please contact Laurence on: 01892 525455 if you are interested in coming along.
3. **Bach Christmas Oratorio**
On the 7th December at 7pm there will be a Concert in the Church of Bach's Christmas Oratorio with Steven Devine. Please note the earlier than usual start time for this concert, and booking in advance is recommended. Limited seating with a view remaining, but other seating available.
4. **Christmas Services**
Leaflets with Christmas Service dates and times are available for all to take at the back of the Church today.
5. **December Magazines**
After five years of impeccable editorship Clare Smith's final magazine is available at the back of the Church.
6. **Scratch Nativity**
We are now recruiting for the Scratch Nativity on Christmas Eve. MaryAnne would be very happy to hear from anyone wishing to act (no script to learn) or be a reader. Please contact her via the Parish office
7. **Bible Reading Fellowship Notes**
Angela Phillips informs us that BRF notes for January to April 2020 are available at the back of the Church for all those involved.
8. **Advent Service**
There will be a special Advent Service of Words and Music next Sunday at 6.30pm in the Church , all very welcome.
9. **KCM Christmas Cards**
Christmas cards are available at the back of the Church for members of the congregation who live outside our parish catchment area, and a big thank you to those who delivered the cards last week so successfully.



King Charles the Martyr
Tunbridge Wells

**First Sunday of
Advent
1st December 2019**

Today's Services:

8am: Holy Communion (BCP)

President: The Revd Laurence Powell

10am: Family Service Christingle

Presidents: The Revd Laurence Powell
The Revd Canon Sarah Partridge

Hymns:

42 Longing for the light

The Christingle begins with an orange

60 Away in a manger

719 Lord the light of your love

6.30pm: Advent Carol Service

Presidents: The Revd Canon Sarah Partridge
The Revd Laurence Powell

*Please join us for refreshments in the
Hall after the 10am Service*

Next Week's Services:

8am: Holy Communion (BCP)

President: The Revd Ian Harrison

10am: Parish Communion(CW)

President: The Revd Ian Harrison

6.30pm: Advent Service of Words & Music

President: Mrs Elizabeth Doyle

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The Collect

Almighty God, give us grace
to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ
came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again
in his glorious majesty to judge
the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

First Reading: Isaiah 60. 1-3, 17-20

⁶⁰ Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
² For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
³ Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
¹⁷ Instead of bronze I will bring gold,
instead of iron I will bring silver;
instead of wood, bronze,
instead of stones, iron.
I will appoint Peace as your overseer
and Righteousness as your taskmaster.
¹⁸ Violence shall no more be heard in your land,
devastation or destruction within your borders;
you shall call your walls Salvation,
and your gates Praise.
¹⁹ The sun shall no longer be
your light by day,
nor for brightness shall the moon
give light to you by night;
but the Lord will be your everlasting light,
and your God will be your glory.
²⁰ Your sun shall no more go down,
or your moon withdraw itself;
for the Lord will be your everlasting light,
and your days of mourning shall be ended.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 13 1-13

¹³ If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of
angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong
or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic
powers, and understand all mysteries and all
knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to
remove mountains, but do not have love,

I am nothing. ³ If I give away all my
possessions, and if I hand over my body so
that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain
nothing.

⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not
envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵ or rude. It
does not insist on its own way; it is not
irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice in
wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It
bears all things, believes all things, hopes all
things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never ends. But as for prophecies,
they will come to an end; as for tongues, they
will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to
an end. ⁹ For we know only in part, and we
prophesy only in part; ¹⁰ but when the
complete comes, the partial will come to an
end. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a
child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a
child; when I became an adult, I put an end
to childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a
mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to
face. Now I know only in part; then I will
know fully, even as I have been fully known.
¹³ And now faith, hope, and love abide, these
three; and the greatest of these is love.

Charity Collection for December

**Children's Society
Dementia UK
Young/Minds**

*Gift Aid envelopes are available at the
back of the Church*

This Week:

Monday 2nd December

8pm Baptism Enquiries in the Upper Room

Wednesday 4th December

11.30am - Holy Communion (BCP)

Thursday 5th December

11am Mead School Nativity in the Church

Friday 6th December

1pm - Prayers in the Church

Saturday 7th December

7pm Bach Christmas Oratorio in the Church