

## Notices:

- 1. T@3**  
T@3 will be held in the Hall on Monday 10th at 3pm. Everyone very welcome to come along for a delicious tea and to enjoy good company!
- 2. Baptism Enquiries**  
Baptism enquiries will be held on Monday 10th at 8pm on the Upper Room. Please contact Laurence on (525455) if you would like to come along.
- 3. Bible Study**  
Bible Study will be held the Upper Room on Saturday 15th at 10am. Everyone very welcome to come along.
- 4. Ash Wednesday - Joint Service With Bishop Simon Burton-Jones**  
All are welcome to join our two joint services of Holy Communion with the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday 26th February at KCM.  
Bishop Simon has agreed to celebrate and preach at the evening service. This is because we will have some members of our link diocese in Estonia staying with us for the week.  
**11:30am** - 1662 Prayer Book Holy Communion: Celebrant and preacher: The Revd Canon Sarah Partridge.  
**7:30pm** - Sung Holy Communion in modern language: Celebrant and Preacher: The Bishop of Tonbridge, The Rt Revd Simon Burton-Jones.

**Charity Collection for February  
Tunbridge Wells Youth for Christ**  
*Gift Aid envelopes are available at the  
back of the Church*

**This Week:**  
**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February**  
3pm - T@3  
**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February**  
8pm Baptism Enquiries  
**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February**  
11.30am - Holy Communion(BCP)  
**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February**  
1pm - Prayers in the Church  
**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February**  
10am Bible Study



King Charles the Martyr  
Tunbridge Wells

**Third Sunday  
before Lent  
9th February 2020**

### Today's Services:

#### **8am: Holy Communion (BCP)**

President: The Revd Laurence Powell

#### **10am: Parish Communion (cw)**

President: The Revd Canon Sarah Partridge

Deacon: The Revd Canon Sarah Partridge

Preacher: The Revd Dr David Lyall

#### **Hymns:**

445 God is here! As we his people

597 Before Jehovah's awful throne

453 Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour

721 Love divine, all loves excelling

#### **6.30pm: Evening Prayer (BCP)**

President: Mr Derek Greenwood

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

### Next Week's Services:

#### **8am: Holy Communion (BCP)**

President: The Revd Laurence Powell

#### **10am: Parish Communion (cw)**

President: The Revd Laurence Powell

Deacon: The Revd Laurence Powell

Preacher: Mrs Elizabeth Doyle

#### **6.30pm: Evening Prayer (BCP)**

President: The Revd Laurence Powell

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## The Collect

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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.  
Amen

## First Reading: Isaiah 58. 1-9a

<sup>58</sup> Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.  
<sup>2</sup> Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practised righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God.  
<sup>3</sup> 'Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?' Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day, and oppress all your workers.  
<sup>4</sup> Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.  
<sup>5</sup> Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?  
<sup>6</sup> Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? <sup>7</sup> Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? <sup>8</sup> Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard.  
<sup>9</sup> Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

## Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2. 1-12

<sup>2</sup> When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. <sup>2</sup> For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and

him crucified. <sup>3</sup> And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling.

<sup>4</sup> My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power,

<sup>5</sup> so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

<sup>6</sup> Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish.

<sup>7</sup> But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. <sup>8</sup> None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not

have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup> But, as it is written, 'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him'—

<sup>10</sup> these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup> For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup> Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

## Gospel Reading: Matthew 5. 13-20

<sup>13</sup> 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. <sup>14</sup> 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.

<sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

<sup>17</sup> 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. <sup>18</sup> For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup> Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>20</sup> For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.