

## Reflection

by Revd Canon Sarah Partridge

*‘ On the whole I much prefer the modern translation of the Bible that we use, the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) but just occasionally it uses a word that, while it may be a more correct translation, doesn’t speak to me in the same way. This has happened today in our Gospel reading. Jesus speaks of sending another Advocate so that the disciples will not be left orphaned. The advocate is the Holy Spirit.*

*In the King James Bible the word he uses is Comforter and he says that he will not leave them comfortless. Maybe it’s because the word advocate comes with legal connotations that it’s less appealing? I just know that, of the two words, comforter says a lot more to me about what Jesus means.*

*He knows that once he has returned to his Father the disciples will be left feeling very alone and unsure. So Jesus reassures them that in fact they will not ever be alone and all their fears will be addressed by the one who brings comfort, the Spirit. If there’s one thing we all need at the moment it’s comfort and to be comforted, deprived as we are of so many of the things that would usually bring us comfort and not least the comfort of being church every week with our friends.*

*So it’s worth remembering that the Spirit is not confined to one place and that at all times it is around us and within us wherever we are. Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.’*

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King Charles the Martyr  
Tunbridge Wells

**Sixth Sunday of  
Easter**  
**17<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

### Today’s Services

**All very welcome to join us on-line:**

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**Holy Communion (BCP) - 8.30am**

The Revd Canon Sarah Partridge

**Holy Communion (CW) - 10am**

The Revd Laurence Powell

The Revd Canon Sarah Partridge

The Revd Claire Allwood

**You are invited to a Zoom webinar of this service: King Charles the Martyr sharing with St Mark's Tunbridge Wells**

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

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Password: 386028

**Choral Evensong - 6.30pm**

Recording of KCM Choir from St Pauls

**Next Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May**

Holy Communion (BCP) - 8.30am

Morning Prayer (CW) - 10am

Holy Communion (CW) - 6.30pm

### On line Services & Meetings

*All are welcome to join online prayer meetings for King Charles the Martyr and St Mark's:*

**Monday 7:30pm Prayer Meeting on Zoom**

With Revd Claire Allwood

**Tuesday 6pm Evening Prayer on Facebook**

With Mr Paul Clark

**Wednesday 8pm Mid week Communion**

**on Facebook**

With Revd Canon Sarah Partridge

**Thursday 8pm Ascension Day on Facebook**

With Revd Laurence Powell

**Friday 5pm All Age Prayer Group on Facebook**

with Revd Claire Allwood

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### The Collect

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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: Acts 17. 22-31

<sup>22</sup> Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup> For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup> From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup> so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup> For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring." <sup>29</sup> Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup> While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

### Second Reading: Peter 3. 13-end

<sup>13</sup> Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup> but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup> yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup> For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should

be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup> in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup> who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup> And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

### Gospel Reading: John 14. 15-21

<sup>15</sup> 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. <sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. <sup>18</sup> 'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup> In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'



### Christian Aid Week 2020 Help King Charles the Martyr with St Mark's Tunbridge Wells raise money to support Christian Aid

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