

Reflection

By Johnny and Alice MacFarlane

Just a brief thought as we leave for a week away, about how much we have come to appreciate the kindness and web of caring commitment that KCM brings as a Parish.

We are frequently amazed at the unsung kindness and generosity of Parishioners as well as the astute awareness and concern of the Clergy for all of us, whatever our state of mind or concerns that we have.

We have lost some of our most familiar and loved members of our congregation recently, a poignant reminder to cherish and acknowledge how precious time together is, especially in these challenging times.

Loneliness and detachment from familiar routines can bring much hardship, as can loss of security, financial or otherwise. So keeping in contact is ever more crucial in keeping us sane and in balance, and the joy of our Services, whether we can attend, watch or listen on the telephone is a reassuring and constant inspiration and comfort.

We will have to see what the coming months bring, but we are confident that with care and an awareness of the need to be flexible, that KCM can continue to flourish and nurture us all.



King Charles the Martyr
Tunbridge Wells

**Eighteenth Sunday
after Trinity
11th October 2020**

Today's Services: Booking not required

8.00am - KCM Holy Communion (BCP)
The Revd Laurence Powell
Live streaming on Facebook

10am St Mark's Holy Communion (CW)
The Revd Claire Allwood
Live streaming on FB and Zoom
Zoom link for 10am Holy Communion Service
until further notice:
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82593820722?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82593820722?pwd=cExlZHF2SHk3V295ZWdSRTJEMXJOUT09)
[pwd=cExlZHF2SHk3V295ZWdSRTJEMXJOUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82593820722?pwd=cExlZHF2SHk3V295ZWdSRTJEMXJOUT09)
Password: 072916

Wednesday 14th October

11.30am - KCM - Holy Communion (BCP)
The Revd Laurence Powell

Next Sunday 18th October

8am - St Mark's Holy Communion (BCP)
Revd Claire Allwood
Live streaming on FB

10am - KCM Holy Communion (CW)

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The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting 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: Exodus 32. 1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, 'Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.'² Aaron said to them, 'Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.'³ So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron.⁴ He took the gold from them, formed it in a mould, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'⁵ When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, 'Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord.'⁶ They rose early the next day, and offered burnt-offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.⁷ The Lord said to Moses, 'Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely;⁸ they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!"'⁹ The Lord said to Moses, 'I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are.¹⁰ Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.'¹¹ But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, 'O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand?¹² Why should the Egyptians say, "It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth"? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people.¹³ Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, "I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it for ever."¹⁴ And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Second Reading: Philippians 4. 1-9

¹ Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. ² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. ⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22. 1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying:
² 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet."⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet."¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.¹¹ 'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.'

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Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays:
11am - 1pm and Sundays 12noon - 1pm
for private prayer and contemplation**