

The Collect

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God
and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves
even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear
in power and great glory
we may be made like him
in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

**King Charles the Martyr Church is open:
Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays:
11am - 1pm**

'for private prayer and contemplation'

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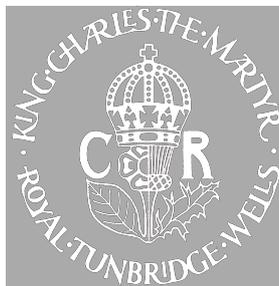
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King Charles the Martyr
Tunbridge Wells

**The Second Sunday
before Advent**

15th November 2020

Today's Services:

***There will be no Services with
congregations present in either
King Charles the Martyr or
St Mark's Churches due to current
Covid lockdown restrictions***

**8.00am - St Mark's
Holy Communion (BCP)
The Revd Claire Allwood
Live streaming on Facebook**

**10.00am - KCM - from the Church
Holy Communion (CW)**

The Reverend Laurence Powell
Live streaming on FB and Zoom
Zoom link for 10am Holy Communion Service
until further notice:

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**Tuesday 17th November
6pm Evening Prayer
Revd Canon Sarah Partridge
Live streaming on Facebook**

**Wednesday 18th November
No Service**

Next Sunday 22nd November

**8am - KCM Holy Communion (BCP)
The Revd Laurence Powell
Live streaming on FB**

**10am - St Mark's Holy Communion (CW)
The Revd Claire Allwood
Live streaming on FB
Live streaming on FB and Zoom
Evening Prayer!!!!**



First Reading:

Zephaniah. 1. 7, 12-end

⁷ Be silent before the Lord God!

For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests.

¹² At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, 'The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm.'

¹³ Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them, though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

¹⁴ The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast, the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there.

¹⁵ That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness,

¹⁶ a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

¹⁷ I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung.

¹⁸ Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Second Reading:

1 Thessalonians. 5. 1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ² For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³ When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴ But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵ for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶ So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷ for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.

⁹ For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him.

¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25. 14-30

¹⁴ 'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵ to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.

¹⁶ The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷ In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸ But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹ After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them.

²⁰ Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." ²¹ His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." ²² And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." ²³ His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." ²⁴ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master,

I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵ so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." ²⁶ But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷ Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest.

²⁸ So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹ For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.

³⁰ As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."