

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

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

'for private prayer and contemplation'

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King Charles the Martyr
Tunbridge Wells

**The First Sunday of
Advent**

29th 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 Marks from Home
Holy Communion (BCP)
The Revd Claire Allwood
Live streaming on Facebook**

**10.00am - KCM - from Homes
Joint Advent Service
The Revd Laurence Powell
The Revd Canon Sarah Partridge
The Revd Claire Allwood
Live streaming on FB and Zoom and by
telephone, please see back page for details
Zoom link for 10am Holy Communion Service
until further notice:
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**6.30pm Evening Prayer
The Revd Canon Sarah Partridge
From Home**

Live streaming on Facebook

**Tuesday 1st December
6.00pm Evening Prayer
The Revd Canon Sarah Partridge
From Home**

Live streaming on Facebook

**Wednesday 2nd December
No Service**

**Next Sunday 6th December
The Second Sunday of Advent
8am - St Mark's Holy Communion (BCP)
Live streaming on FB**

**10am - KCM Christingle Family Service
! Bookable event !
Live streaming on FB**

Live streaming on FB and Zoom
**6.30pm - KCM Advent Carol Service
! Bookable event !**

Live streaming on Facebook



First Reading:

Isaiah. 64. 1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—² as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil — to make your name known to your adversaries, o that the nations might tremble at your presence!³ When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.⁴ From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him.⁵ You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed.⁶ We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.⁷ There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.⁸ Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.⁹ Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians. 1. 3-9

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus,⁵ for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind —⁶ just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷ so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.⁸ He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.⁹ God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13. 24-end

²⁴ He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field;²⁵ but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away.²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well.²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?"²⁸ He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?"²⁹ But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them.³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."'³¹ He put before them

another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'³³ He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'³⁴ Jesus told the crowds all these things in parables; without a parable he told them nothing.³⁵ This was to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet: 'I will open my mouth to speak in parables; I will proclaim what has been hidden from the foundation of the world.'³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.'³⁷ He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man;³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one,³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels.⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age.⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers,⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!⁴⁴ 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.⁴⁵ 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls;⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.⁴⁷ 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind;⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad.⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.⁵¹ 'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.'⁵² And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'⁵³ When Jesus had finished these parables, he left that place.⁵⁴ He came to his home town and began to teach the people in their synagogue, so that they were astounded and said, 'Where did this man get this wisdom and these deeds of power?⁵⁵ Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas?⁵⁶ And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all this?'⁵⁷ And they took offence at him. But Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour except in their own country and in their own house.'⁵⁸ And he did not do many deeds of power there, because of their unbelief.