

The Collect

O Lord,
we beseech you
mercifully to hear the prayers
of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive
and know what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power
faithfully to fulfil them;
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.

**King Charles the Martyr Church
is open once again for visitors and
private prayer and contemplation
with the Church Watch present on:
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays:
11am - 1pm.**

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King Charles the Martyr
Tunbridge Wells

**The Sixteenth
Sunday after Trinity
19th September 2021**

This week's Services

***You are very welcome to come along,
with no need to book in advance!***

Sunday 19th September

8am - Holy Communion (BCP)
President: Revd Laurence Powell

10am - Holy Communion (CW)
President: Revd Laurence Powell
Deacon: Revd Canon Sarah Partridge
Preacher: Canon Sarah Partridge
Live streaming on Facebook

6.30pm - Choral Evensong
President Elizabeth Doyle

Wednesday 22nd September

11.30am - Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday 26th September

The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

8am - Holy Communion (BCP)
Live streaming on Facebook

10am - Holy Communion (CW)
Live streaming on Facebook

6.30pm - Meditative Celtic Prayer



First Reading: Proverbs 31. 10-end

- ¹⁰ A capable wife who can find?
She is far more precious than jewels.
- ¹¹ The heart of her husband trusts in her,
and he will have no lack of gain.
- ¹² She does him good, and not harm,
all the days of her life.
- ¹³ She seeks wool and flax,
and works with willing hands.
- ¹⁴ She is like the ships of the merchant,
she brings her food from far away.
- ¹⁵ She rises while it is still night
and provides food for her household
and tasks for her servant-girls.
- ¹⁶ She considers a field and buys it;
with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.
- ¹⁷ She girds herself with strength,
and makes her arms strong.
- ¹⁸ She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.
Her lamp does not go out at night.
- ¹⁹ She puts her hands to the distaff,
and her hands hold the spindle.
- ²⁰ She opens her hand to the poor,
and reaches out her hands to the needy.
- ²¹ She is not afraid for her household when it snows,
for all her household are clothed in crimson.
- ²² She makes herself coverings;
her clothing is fine linen and purple.
- ²³ Her husband is known in the city gates,
taking his seat among the elders of the land.
- ²⁴ She makes linen garments and sells them;
she supplies the merchant with sashes.
- ²⁵ Strength and dignity are her clothing,
and she laughs at the time to come.
- ²⁶ She opens her mouth with wisdom,
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.
- ²⁷ She looks well to the ways of her household,
and does not eat the bread of idleness.
- ²⁸ Her children rise up and call her happy;
her husband too, and he praises her:
- ²⁹ 'Many women have done excellently,
but you surpass them all.'
- ³⁰ Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,
but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.
- ³¹ Give her a share in the fruit of her hands,
and let her works praise her in the city gates.

Second Reading: James 3. 13-4. 3, 7-8a

- ¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you?
Show by your good life that your works are done
with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you have
bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do
not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵ Such
wisdom does not come down from above, but is
earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶ For where there is
envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder
and wickedness of every kind.

¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first pure, then
peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and
good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy.

¹⁸ And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace
for those who make peace.

⁴ Those conflicts and disputes among you, where
do they come from? Do they not come from your
cravings that are at war within you? ² You want
something and do not have it; so you commit
murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain
it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do
not have, because you do not ask. ³ You ask and do
not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to
spend what you get on your pleasures.

⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the
devil, and he will flee from you.

⁸ Draw near to God, and he
will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you
sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

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Gospel: Mark 9. 30-37

³⁰ They went on from there and passed through
Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;
³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them,
'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human
hands, and they will kill him, and three days after
being killed, he will rise again.' ³² But they did not
understand what he was saying and were afraid to
ask him.

³³ Then they came to Capernaum; and when he
was in the house he asked them, 'What were you
arguing about on the way?' ³⁴ But they were silent,
for on the way they had argued with one another
about who was the greatest. ³⁵ He sat down, called
the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be
first must be last of all and servant of all.'

³⁶ Then he took a little child and put it among them;
and taking it in his arms, he said to them,
³⁷ 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name
welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me
welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'