

## 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.

**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 Eighteenth  
Sunday after Trinity  
3rd October 2021**

## This week's Services

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

### Sunday 3rd October

**8am - Holy Communion (BCP)**  
President: Revd Canon Sarah Partridge

**10am - Harvest Family Service  
(followed by charity auction)**  
President: Revd Laurence Powell  
Preacher: Revd Laurence Powell  
Live streaming on Facebook

**6.30pm - Holy Communion (CW)**  
President: Revd Laurence Powell

### Wednesday 6th October

**11.30am - Holy Communion (BCP)**

**Sunday 10th October  
The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**8am - Holy Communion (BCP)**

**10am - Parish Communion Service (CW)**  
Live streaming on Facebook

**6.30pm - Choral Evensong  
(plainchant service)**



## First Reading: Job 1. 1; 2. 1-10

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil. One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord. <sup>2</sup> The Lord said to Satan, 'Where have you come from?' Satan answered the Lord, 'From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it.' <sup>3</sup> The Lord said to Satan, 'Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason.' <sup>4</sup> Then Satan answered the Lord, 'Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. <sup>5</sup> But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face.' <sup>6</sup> The Lord said to Satan, 'Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life.' <sup>7</sup> So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. <sup>8</sup> Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes. <sup>9</sup> Then his wife said to him, 'Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die.' <sup>10</sup> But he said to her, 'You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?' In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

## Second Reading: Hebrews 1. 1-4; 2. 5-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, <sup>2</sup> but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. <sup>3</sup> He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup> having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. <sup>5</sup> Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. <sup>6</sup> But someone has testified somewhere, 'What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them?' <sup>7</sup> You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honour, <sup>8</sup> subjecting all things under their feet.' Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, <sup>9</sup> but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

<sup>10</sup> It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. <sup>11</sup> For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, <sup>12</sup> saying, 'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.' Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, <sup>9</sup> but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. <sup>10</sup> It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. <sup>11</sup> For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, <sup>12</sup> saying, 'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.'

## Gospel: Mark 10. 2-16

<sup>2</sup> Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?' <sup>3</sup> He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' <sup>4</sup> They said, 'Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.' <sup>5</sup> But Jesus said to them, 'Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. <sup>6</sup> But from the beginning of creation, "God made them male and female." <sup>7</sup> "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, <sup>8</sup> and the two shall become one flesh." So they are no longer two, but one flesh. <sup>9</sup> Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.' <sup>10</sup> Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup> He said to them, 'Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; <sup>12</sup> and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.' <sup>13</sup> People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup> But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>15</sup> Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' <sup>16</sup> And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.