

The Collect

God our creator,
who in the beginning
commanded the light to shine out of
darkness: we pray that the light
of the glorious gospel of Christ
may dispel the darkness of ignorance
and unbelief, shine into the hearts
of all your people,
and reveal the knowledge of your glory
in the face of 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

**King Charles
Patronal Sunday**

30th January 2022

This week's Services

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

Sunday 30th January 2022
King Charles Patronal Sunday

8am - Holy Communion (BCP)
President: Revd Laurence Powell
Live streaming on Facebook

10.00am - Parish Communion (CW)
President: Revd Laurence Powell
Preacher: Revd Laurence Powell
Live streaming on Facebook

6.30pm - Choral Evensong (BCP)
**A Service of Accession for
HM the Queen**
Presidents: Revd Laurence Powell
Mr Paul Clark
Live streaming on Facebook

Wednesday 2nd February

11.30am - Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday 6th February
The Fourth Sunday before Lent - Candlemas
King Charles Festival

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

10am - Family Service
Live streaming on Facebook

**6.30pm - Solemn Holy Communion
with Incense (CW)**
Live streaming on Facebook



First Reading: Ezekiel 43. 27-44.4

When these days are over, then from the eighth day onwards the priests shall offer upon the altar your burnt-offerings and your offerings of well-being; and I will accept you, says the Lord God.

⁴⁴ Then he brought me back to the outer gate of the sanctuary, which faces east; and it was shut. ² The Lord said to me: This gate shall remain shut; it shall not be opened, and no one shall enter by it; for the Lord, the God of Israel, has entered by it; therefore it shall remain shut.

³ Only the prince, because he is a prince, may sit in it to eat food before the Lord; he shall enter by way of the vestibule of the gate, and shall go out by the same way.

⁴ Then he brought me by way of the north gate to the front of the temple; and I looked, and lo! the glory of the Lord filled the temple of the Lord; and I fell upon my face.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians ch.13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸ Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹ For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰ but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways.

¹² For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³ And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Gospel: Luke 2. 22-40

²² When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), ²⁴ and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him.

²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law,

²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹ 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,

according to your word;

³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

³³ And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him.

³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.