

King Charles the Martyr Church, Mutton Lane, Potters Bar

MICHAEL'S MESSAGES

30th Edition

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Dear KCM Members and Friends,

A Miscellany of Matters!

Dedication Festival was a wonderful celebration this year. A tremendously uplifting service, with outstanding music and singing, was followed by an enjoyable BBQ in sunny weather. At a time when there is much gloom around the world, it was a Sunday that lifted all our spirits. Thank you.

Our Altar Servers have been fitted out with new cassocks, funded by the Miss Barker legacy. We are grateful to Neo and to our servers for their ministry in preparing and serving at the altar.

The Baptismal Font is to be refurbished shortly. We will be replacing the old lead interior (does anyone have a legitimate avenue for the sale of the scrap lead!?) with a stainless steel insert and the top of the font will be covered in marble. It is also hoped to freshen up the paintwork – so that we will have a font worthy of use for those who come for baptism. This improvement work has been funded by both the final balance of the legacy of Gladys Hawthorn (who had left some money to be spent on children) and by the balance of the Miss Barker legacy.

Legacies are always welcome and we are grateful to the late Gladys Hawthorn and the late Kathleen Barker, amongst others, whose legacies have purchased so much over the past ten years and more to enhance the Church building and its life. If members of the congregation are considering leaving a legacy to the Church, there is an advice leaflet available – and the matter can also be discussed in confidence with Michael Burns or with Jean Emmans, our Honorary Treasurer.

Thanks are due to Wednesday Break who have funded the purchase of three sets of laminated posters of the life and ministry of Jesus, produced by the nuns of Turvey Abbey, which will be used in Church from time to time and also at school assemblies. Many of you will remember seeing the Stations of the Cross posters, used on Good Friday, which were admired by many. The PCC have agreed that it would be good to arrange a weekly Stations of the Cross Service during Lent 2010.

The Autumn Season will be upon us and we have a number of events coming up:

Members of the Parochial Church Council will again be spending the day at Aldenham School on **Saturday 12 September**, continuing to pray about and work on the future life of our Church and Parish. I am very grateful to them for their generous and selfless commitment to our life together.

Trevor Alexander will be licensed as a Reader on **Sunday 13 September at 6.30pm at St Mary's Hitchin**. Members of the congregation will be welcome at that service. We will be formally welcoming Trevor on Sunday 27 September at both morning services, a day which we are also keeping again as **"Back to Church Sunday"**.

Harvest Thanksgiving takes place on **Sunday 4 October at 10.30am** with our United Communion. This year we will again be supporting the Bishop of St Albans Harvest Appeal, which this year is focussing on Water – giving money to Water Action, a project in Ethiopia supported by Christian Aid. The traditional Harvest Supper on the Saturday will see all profits also supporting this work.

The new Bishop of St Albans will be installed on Saturday 19 September at 2.30pm and this parish will be represented at that service. On **Tuesday 6 October** the new Bishop will be visiting the Barnet Deanery from midday and we will be hosting in our Church the evening meeting of the Deanery Synod, which will begin with a **Service of Holy Communion at 7.30pm** at which Bishop Alan will celebrate. He will then address the meeting and take questions. All meetings of Synod are open and you will all be especially welcome to this one.

The Bishop of Hertford will be coming to KCM on **Sunday 11 October at 6.30pm** for a Service of Confirmation with Communion when, amongst others, six from this parish are hoping to be confirmed. They are Mark Dean, Bethany Hartland, Danielle Hodges, Joan Howell, Sue Warren and Joy Wood. Please pray for them as they continue their preparation.

The Trefoil Guild of the Guide Association are holding their annual County Service here a week later on **Sunday 18 October at 3pm** and we look forward to welcoming them to KCM.

Finally, our Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday 28 November from 11am to 3pm.

- Raffle tickets will soon be freely available to be taken and sold – they are also a very good way to publicise the Bazaar
- We will welcome good quality items to sell – anything – but no jumble or electrical goods. Larger items can be stored in the Vicarage garage – please speak to Michael
- We will also welcome suitable raffle prizes and also items for the luxury hamper. Cakes, preserves and so on to sell will also be welcome (please list ingredients).
- If you are not yet involved in a task at the Bazaar, a list will be available for you to sign, indicating how long you will be available to help on the day. We can use everyone, even if only for a couple of hours.
- We will also need help on the following days:
 - Thursday evening 26th from 8.30pm to set up tables and decorate
 - Friday morning 27th from 9.30am to set up stalls
 - Saturday itself at 3pm prompt to help clear away

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ann Davy, Joanne Maddock Lyon, Joy Rowley, Sandie Fenech or Michael.

A busy autumn coming up! In the meantime, I hope that those who will away at some point over the summer will have a refreshing break away – and with a reminder that, during August, and, weekday services won't be held, though there will be our regular **Tuesday morning Communion at 10.0am** (but not on August 25). **During the whole of August, our main Sunday Service will be a United Communion at 10.30am.** Have a wonderful Summer!

Finally, thank you for all you do in our Lord's name and for all your support and work for this Church.

With prayers and all good wishes,

