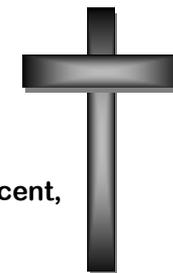




Belonging to Christ the King Community Church



Frithwood Crescent,
Kents Hill,
Milton Keynes

Only members attending Christ the King Community Church (as recorded on their membership form) are eligible to vote.

At its AGM, the Congregational Meeting elects Stewards to serve on the leadership team, which consists of the Stewards and the Community Church minister.

Stewards

To be appointed as a Steward, a candidate must be a member and should receive approval from at least 50% of members voting at the AGM. Stewards serve for a term of three years and can be re-elected to a second term (a maximum of 6 years). They can stand again after a gap of at least 1 year.

Individual Stewards have oversight for particular church functions. The Stewards meet monthly with the minister and can put in place other groups or teams to assist with running church activities (e.g. organising services, youth work, media, mission etc.). Some of these activities may be across the WCP or in partnership with other local churches or organisations.

Sharing a church building

The Church building of Christ the King is majority owned by the Roman Catholic Church Northampton Diocese and is available to other denominations through the 1992 church sharing agreement. This includes, for example, that the church building can be used for worship, social, recreational and

educational uses, so long as a use is not contrary to the doctrines of the five parent denominations. It also specifies that there is a separate sub-committee to run the Community Centre.

Because the Community Church uses a shared building, there is a Co-ordination Group (COG) that meets every two months to manage shared building issues and joint congregational activities.

The Community Church minister sits on this group together with other representatives from its congregation. COG has a separate Treasurer and bank account into which both congregations pay an annual contribution. Any expenditure on the running and upkeep of the church building and any equipment used by both congregations comes from the COG account.

Christ the King participation in WCP decision making

Christ the King Community Church participates in the decision making of WCP through the two representatives its congregation elects to the WCP Council. The WCP Council consists of the ministry team and elected representatives from all the congregations. It is the responsibility of the congregational WCP representatives to bring to their stewards and congregational meetings any relevant WCP business for note or approval, and vice versa.

All church members in Walton can attend and vote at the WCP AGM and WCP Officers are appointed from among members of the Council following the AGM.

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Christ the King within the Walton Churches Partnership

In 1985 a partnership of national church denominations decided to work together in the ministry of Christ to the world by joining together to develop the church in SE Milton Keynes. Thus the Methodist, Baptist, Anglican, United Reformed and Roman Catholic churches established the ecumenical project which is now called Walton Churches Partnership (WCP).

Christ the King Community Church is one of the ecumenical congregations founded by WCP – the others being the Catholic congregation at Christ the King, All Saints Milton Keynes Village, St Mary's Wavendon and Church Without Walls in Broughton & Brooklands.

The WCP framework

WCP employs and pays ministers (either directly or arranges appointments through each denomination) and also arranges housing for them – with WCP owning the Manse at Twinflower and arranging other housing for its ministers through the Anglican Oxford Diocese.

WCP is also responsible for the church sharing agreements, which are the legal basis for how church buildings are shared by our congregations.

Styles of worship

As an ecumenical congregation, Christ the King Community Church respects different styles of worship and variations in denominational practices are accommodated. As specified in the Church Sharing Agreement, ministers normally celebrate communion in a form from within their own tradition.

We offer all forms of baptism practiced by WCP parent denominations. These include believer's baptism (including by immersion), child dedication followed by baptism and christening followed by later confirmation. Ecumenical confirmation is available to those who were christened as babies.

Weddings can be either Anglican (Banns) or Free Church (certificate). Funeral services can also be conducted according to any Christian rite.

Membership

Those who have been baptised and who regularly worship at and participate in the life of one of the WCP ecumenical congregations are invited to become members.

Membership is of the church in Walton as a whole, but expressed by actively belonging to one congregation. WCP is required by its constitution to keep a list of the members of its congregations. The membership form enables people to indicate which congregation they attend, and if they wish, which denomination they see themselves as being.

At Christ the King, the minister and stewards consider membership applications and recommend prospective members for approval by the Congregational Meeting.

Children of a church member can be registered as an *'Associate Member'* and they can apply to become full members from the age of 12 onwards. Associate membership is also available to any adults who see themselves as part of the church family, but do not wish to exercise the full responsibilities (and voting rights) of membership.

Running CtK Community Church

The Community Church congregation at Christ the King organises its activities within the WCP framework. It has its own leadership team and controls all the aspects of running its congregation. The Community Church runs its own finances, has a bank account and Treasurer, and pays WCP for ministerial and other costs they incur (e.g. subscriptions to our parent denominations).

Congregational meetings

Christ the King Community Church has (as required by the WCP Constitution) its own Congregational Council. Congregational Meetings are usually held every 2 months and all major decisions are subject to congregational members' approval.