

Christ the King Community Church

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An ecumenical congregation within
Walton Churches Partnership
Working together in faith and hope to show the love of Christ

CtK FACEBOOK SITES
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CtK Connect

Friday 6th November 2020

Lockdown and Christ the King

The new lockdown that started yesterday means that we cannot resume the 9.30am Sunday service in our church building.

We will, of course, continue with our Sunday online Message and Prayers. We previously announced that this will **shift to being transmitted at 10.30am**, which will apply from this Sunday. The online coffee morning will therefore move to run from **11.15-12.00**.

We have decided to switch to these revised timings as they will allow us to recommence the 9.30am service when we are allowed to do so.



We are also starting a **Wednesday evening Zoom prayer meeting**. This will be at 7.45pm each Wednesday and Ruth will send an invite out for this as well as to our Sunday coffee morning.

Remember that even in lockdown you can still meet outdoors with one other person - so do so if you feel able.

Webinars on getting to net zero carbon

The Church of England are providing support for its churches (and that includes us in our LEP) to cut carbon emissions. They now have a [series of webinars](#) designed to support and equip churches to reach the Anglican Church's ambitious net zero carbon emissions target.

These contain everything from forming a team to putting solar panels on your roof, and including low cost 'housekeeping' actions which can pay back quickly.

The webinar series has been extended over the next two years, so you can link to webinars available now or plan ahead.

CtK Connect

CtK Connect is both to provide information about CtK Community Church activities and to allow us to share news and encourage each other. **Do let me know if you want to be added to the mailing list and send me anything that you would like to share with others in our church.** Each edition will be e-mailed ahead of the online Sunday message and prayers. Send any contribution to: stephen.potter@open.ac.uk

Services this week



Sunday message and prayers

Our online service is at 10.30am this Sunday. To view, go to

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where you can also view previous messages. This is separate to our general Facebook site so that all can access it.

Following the Sunday Message, there is a Zoom Coffee Morning at 11.15.

Wednesday prayers

A weekly prayer meeting on Zoom at 7.45pm on Wednesdays.

People on our email list will receive an invite for Zoom events.

If you would be willing read the Bible passage for the Sunday message or record some intercessions, then please let Ruth know—a voice file from your phone or computer would be fabulous! If you don't want to come up with your own intercessions, Ruth will even give you some to read out!

Stephanie's Conundrum

Here's this week's conundrum.

When you are looking for something, you always seem to find it in the last place you thought of looking.

There is a proven explanation for this. What is it?

Answer in next week's CtK Connect and Stephanie will probably check at Sunday's Zoom coffee morning to see if someone has the right answer!

By the way, Kevin Gookey won the first Conundrum and, much to his surprise and delight, Stephanie appeared on his doorstep with a chocolate bar prize.

Mental Health and support for the homeless

In the fortnightly briefing to places of worship in Milton Keynes, the Council's health team particularly mentioned the indirect effects of the lockdown on health. They asked that we let our congregations know that people should continue to contact their GPs if they have any health problem. It is also realised that some people may be stressed by the lockdown and if this gets bad, they too should contact their GP and can be referred to the Council's mental health service. Medical help is there, even in lockdown.

In addition, Carole Hough mentioned the Streetlink service to support the homeless (and the homeless featured in last Wednesday's online prayer meeting). MK Council have recently been awarded extra funds to help homeless people this winter, so resources are there.

So, if you are concerned about someone over the age of 18 that you have seen sleeping rough send an alert on the [StreetLink website](#). The details you provide are sent to the local authority to help them find the individual and connect them to support.

Autumn CoMPass Courses

MK Mission Partnership are running two CoMPass courses this autumn, both via Zoom with each having a daytime and evening presentation. One course explores personal faith and the other is about shaping the post-Covid church.

Details are on the [Mission Partnership website](#).



CtK Finances

Our finances have now improved somewhat and we are very thankful for some special gifts from a number of individuals in our congregation.

We are not taking collections at services, so if there are other people who had previously given through cash in the collection bag at services and want to give in another way, please contact our Treasurer, Ros Bateman: rosalind.bateman@btinternet.com

Pastoral and practical help

Remember that during lockdown (or at any time), if anyone has a pressing pastoral need, please get in touch with Rev Ruth or Ros Bird.

The church also has a Fellowship Fund for anyone facing financial difficulties of any sort. This is ringfenced separate from our other finances and funds are available. If you wish to speak confidentially about this please contact Rev. Ruth.

We also have helpers who can run errands for others. Drop Lynn an email or call and she will find someone to help you.

International Day of prayer for the persecuted church

Sunday 15th November

We here at Christ the King care deeply about our brothers and sisters around the world, so let's pray for them as they face not only a global pandemic, but the challenges of extreme persecution. The Evangelical Alliance are hosting on Sunday, 15 November the [International Day of Prayer for the persecuted church](#).

Follow the link to find out how to join in where you are and prayer for your sisters and brothers in Christ.

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Prison Fellowship and Angel Tree

Our pledges for Angel Tree Gifts have risen to 28 this week. Thanks so much for supporting Angel Tree.

We want to pledge for 30 gifts and to cover the last 2two gifts Lynn would welcome any offers, so you don't need to cover the full £20 per gift. Most of the gifts have now been purchased and as we cannot hold a wrapping day this year, members of prison fellowship have started to wrap the gifts at home.



When Lynn has details, you will be sent details of a child and the gift your donation has bought.