

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

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CtK Connect

Friday 13th November 2020

Congregational Meeting next Sunday

We will be having a Congregational Meeting on Sunday 22nd November at 11.15am

As is necessary at the moment, the next Congregational Meeting will be on Zoom, with Ruth sending invites to our church members,

We will particularly have a time to discuss how we can effectively develop mission in our church. Please join in if you are able.

Charitable Status

This week there has been progress in the charitable registration for our partnership and what that will mean for us as a congregation. Ruth has circulated a separate note on this and the detailed documents for our charitable status application will be available on the WCP website from this coming weekend.

Which way is east??

At last Sunday's coffee morning we debated as to what was the East end of Christ the King!

Traditionally, churches are built on an East-West axis, so when you face the altar that's to the East.

The idea is that people face Jerusalem when

worshipping, which was a continuation of the alignment of Jewish Synagogues that faced to Jerusalem.

However, although this is roughly right for southern Europe, for churches in northern Europe it means congregations are facing Moscow rather than Jerusalem! Modern churches in Britain tend not to bother with this traditional alignment.

Interestingly, Christ the King is oriented 20 degrees south from due east. From Milton Keynes, Jerusalem is about 23 degrees south from due east, so anyone facing our altar is actually pretty close to facing Jerusalem!



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.

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!

Pictures to use in the service would also be welcome

Stephanie's Conundrum

Last week's answer: You find something in the last place you look, because then you don't need to carry on looking!

Here's this week's conundrum.

At a family reunion one man went up to another. "Father!" he said. "Grandad?" replied the other.

Neither was mistaken. Explain.

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!

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.

Caleb's Movember challenge



Caleb Gray writes:

'Hi all, this month is Movember, so I'm taking on a challenge to raise some money and raise awareness for men's mental health. Every week 84 men in the UK take their own life. This number has been rising for a long time and will continue to rise if we don't intervene.

This coming week I shall be running 84km across seven days, and I would really appreciate it if you would donate. Movember is about more than just suicide prevention, money raised will go towards supporting men who struggle with depression and anxiety and will encourage more men to stop 'manning up' and speak to someone.

Should you wish to donate, please visit this link: <https://movember.com/m/14305153?mc=1>.

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, 15th 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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Georgian News!



As some may know, Heather had to delay her visit to see her son and family in Georgia and was concerned that she might not make it this week.

In fact Heather flew out OK and has arrived safely and is settling into her apartment. She has now been busy organising insurance, phone and WIFI. More news soon.

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

Prison Fellowship and Angel Tree

Our pledges for Angel Tree Gifts stand at 28. Thanks so much for supporting Angel Tree.

We want to pledge for 30 gifts and to cover the last two 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.

We also have another 23 pledges from other congregations in our partnership, which is brilliant.