

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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Friday 20th November 2020

Congregational Meeting on Sunday

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

There are a number of things that you can get involved in over Christmas – and then in the New Year at least one longer term plan. So please come along – we will be sharing information and then going into breakout rooms to discuss some ideas. We will aim to finish by 12.15pm at the latest.

Lynn has already sent out the zoom link for the congregational meeting (I received it on 7th November if that helps you to find it in your inbox!), along with the Agenda and a CIO information leaflet.

Please remember that if you don't use Zoom you can dial in using your phone – details should be on the link.

Local Covid update

MK Council runs a special online meeting for faith groups to advise them on the local Covid situation and to receive feedback from us. At last Wednesday's meeting there were concerns about the rising cases and hospital admission in Milton Keynes. We were asked to share with our congregations the importance of abiding by the Covid restrictions and minimising social contacts. There is a particular concern about children mingling outside of school and infections spreading to their families.

We were asked to encourage the uptake of flu jabs, particularly by carers, those with long term conditions and pregnant women (these groups have been slow to get flu jabs this year)

Although the news about the effectiveness of new vaccines is very exciting, it does not change things short term. However, we have been asked to help to ensure a good take up when vaccinations become available. If you feel you need any reassurance about the Covid vaccines or have any queries, could you please say so. Also if you know about any vaccine myths and rumours circulating also mention this. Send this to Steve Potter and he will pass this on to the group and let you know of any reply.

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 Congregational Meeting 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 and Dan's Conundrums

Last week's answer: The grandson was a priest (hence 'Father')

Here's this week's conundrum, this time from Dan:

An adventurer is camping out and goes for a walk. He goes 1 mile south, 1 mile east then 1 mile north and arrives back at his tent. Where was he camping?

Answer in next week's CtK Connect and we 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.

Advent Packs

Advent starts a week on Sunday and next week Ruth hopes to deliver a little Advent pack to church members and regular attenders (one per family) with a few bits and bobs to help us think and reflect during this Advent time. Here's a picture of what it will look like :)

Ruth would love some help in delivering them! They should be ready to go out by Tuesday and if you can deliver a few please let her know.



Towards WCP becoming a charity

All Local Ecumenical Partnerships (LEPs) in Britain are required to move to become charities in their own right. Our parent national denominations have prepared a standard set of documentation which all LEPs will use. Each LEP has a different local set up and so MK Mission Partnership is helping the Milton Keynes LEPs to do this.

As part of this process, last week there was a meeting with a solicitor who is advising the LEPs in Milton Keynes on becoming charities. Our situation in Walton does not raise any serious legal concerns, which is very encouraging. We can now proceed to submit our application in the new year.

More details on this will be shared at Sunday's Congregational Meeting.

Advent Quiet Day

Thursday 3 December

This is run by Geoff Colmer, BUGB vice president and Beth Powney, team leader of Eastern Baptist Association. This is a further guided opportunity to be still and reflect, timed to coincide with the start of Advent. The day will run from 10:00 - 15:00 with input throughout the day and plenty of space for us to sit alone in the presence of God. For details see the [BU webpage](#).

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.