

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 27th November 2020

Restarting Sunday Services

We will reopen for Sunday services in Christ the King on Sunday 6th December at 9.30am. You will need to follow social distancing guidelines, wear a face covering (unless exempt) and observe all the usual hygiene precautions with which we have become so familiar.

We need to keep an eye on numbers and ensure that we maintain what we have deemed to be a safe capacity – and so I (Ruth) am experimenting with Eventbrite! So if you are online, would you please book a place for you and whoever you come to church with using this link <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sunday-worship-at-930am-tickets-130614225665>

It is hopefully self-explanatory – please read the notes on how many ‘tickets’ (places) you need to book – the chairs are set out in pairs so it just requires a little bit of care.

THE BOOKING OPENS ON SUNDAY (29th November) – you won’t be able to book any places until this coming Sunday. PLEASE PLEASE do this if you are planning to come on Sunday 6th December.

A few places are reserved for those who are not online – so if that is you, please can you let me know if you are planning to come on 6th December.

Services this week



Sunday message and prayers

Our online service is at 10.30am this Sunday. To view, go to www.facebook.com/CtKKentsHill 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. Ruth has sent out a separate invite for this.

Congregational Meeting

If you are a member and were not at the congregational meeting last week on Zoom you missed out(!) However, Lynn has sent round the minutes and also two slides which explain a couple of outreach plans. One for Christmas and one for the New Year – please read these ideas and tell Ruth how you can get involved!



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

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 camping place was the North Pole.

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

What do you break by saying its name?

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!

Advent Packs

The last of the Advent packs are being delivered – a huge thank you to all the 'Advent elves' who have helped get these out to everyone. If you think you should have received one (if you are a member or regular attender at Ctk) and you haven't had one by the time the post comes on Saturday, please let me know. I might not have your address – in which case you will need to let me know it!

Just in case it isn't clear – each envelope in the pack has Week 1,2,3 or 4 on it. These correspond to the weeks of Advent! So please open Week 1 on or after the first Sunday of Advent (which is this Sunday) – then open 'Week 2' on or after the 2nd Sunday of Advent (Dec 6th).

IF you have decided to open everything up all at once (!) please don't give away the answers to the weekly quiz!

Covid-19 Vaccine

We have been asked by the Council's Public Health Group to help encourage the takeup of the Covid-19 vaccines when they are available. If you have any concerns about this or know of myths circulating, please let Steve know and he will pass this on to the Public Health team.

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, at the start of Advent. The day will run from 10:00 - 15:00 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

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.



Bulwell URC has generously extended an opportunity to enjoy the online viewing of **The Selfish Giant** by Riding Lights Theatre Company to other primary-aged children in the Synod and their families.

This is available from 4.00pm **Saturday 5 December** from 4.00pm. Access will be to a private YouTube link from the booked time and your access will last 7 days. You can view it multiple times in those 7 days. The show lasts about 45 minutes and is suitable for ages 4 and up.

To book go to <https://ridinglights.org/the-selfish-giant-no/watch-at-home/>

Prison Fellowship and Angel Tree

Thank you to everyone who has donated to Angel Tree. We have reached our target of 30 gifts and together with St Mary's and All Saints Churches we have supplied funds for 53 gifts and most of the postage costs which all amounts to over £1,000 which is amazing. This year Angel Tree is more important than ever as Covid stopped many family visits. Here are a couple of quotes from parents in Prison.



'You can meet the best people in the worst places. And that's' how I saw prison. As bad as it was for me, I came across a lot of people who gave me their time and had a lot of good in their heart. This is how I see Angel Tree'

'Last Christmas, Angel Tree came at just the right time. I was due for release, and it paved the way for me to re-establish a bond with my kids.'